The Hayner Public Library District

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The SHARE Mobile Library App Makes it Easier Than Ever to Use Hayner Library

Hayner Library is pleased to announce our newest service, the SHARE Mobile Library app! This app makes it easy to manage your library account and access helpful library information directly from your phone, tablet, or other mobile device.

The SHARE Mobile Library app allows you to keep track of checkouts and due dates, renew items, and view your fines. You can also search the catalog and place and manage holds easily.

The app allows you to quickly access the Hayner Library events calendar and our Facebook and YouTube pages. Accessing our online databases, such as Creativebug, Auto Repair Source, NoveList, *Consumer Reports*, and more, has also never been easier!

The app features an ISBN scanning tool that allows you to scan the ISBN barcode from any book to determine if Hayner Library or another SHARE library owns the title! If so, simply place a hold with one easy click, and we will contact you when the item is ready for pick up!

This app is free and available to all Hayner Library cardholders. Find it in the Apple App Store or Google Play store; search for "SHARE Mobile Library" or scan the QR code below.

This app is brought to you by The Hayner Public Library District and the SHARE library consortium, a division of Illinois Heartland Library System.

Special Events at Hayner

All library special events are funded by grants and/or private endowment. Photos may be taken during library programs. Your enrollment in our programs will be assumed as your consent to allow the library the right to use these photos in promotional material.

*Join us for two special events. These events are great for all ages, and they're all **free of charge**, financed through a private endowment. All programs require registration. To register, please call 1-800-613-3163. All programs will be held in 225 Alton Square Mall, upper level, unless otherwise stated.*

NOTE: 225 Alton Square Mall is located on the east side of the mall, on the second floor between the escalators and J.C. Penney.

REMINDER: Often, program registration fills up and rolls over to a waiting list. If you are not going to attend a program for which you have registered, **PLEASE** call 1-800-613-3163 and let us know so that we can fill your reservation from the waiting list.

Jared Hennings

An Evening to Celebrate
Tuesday, February 8, 6:30 p.m.

In celebration of Black History Month, a local favorite, Jared Hennings, will perform music representing the culture and incredible musical contributions of the Black community, including gospel, jazz, swing, popular and contemporary. Hear Jared Hennings pay tribute to great music and artists. But wait, there's more! Since we are on the cusp of Valentine's Day, no doubt the irrepressible Mr. Hennings will also offer up a selection of romantic ballads as only he can perform.

Register at 1-800-613-3163

Bud Shultz & You Can't Beat Experience Jazz Band

Celebrate Fat Tuesday
Tuesday, March 1, 6:30 p.m.

Note: This program will be held on the campus of Lewis & Clark Community College, 5800 Godfrey Rd., Godfrey, Ill. In the Ahlmeyer Auditorium (ATC) of the Trimpe Bldg.

Bud Shultz and the You Can't Beat Experience Jazz Band will appear in concert to help us celebrate Mardi Gras in the best way possible—through music! The YCBEJB specializes in traditional and Dixieland jazz. They also treat more modern pieces with a Dixieland flavor. Join Bud and the group to celebrate Fat Tuesday in authentic New Orleans style. It's going to be a great show—and a great venue. This program is jointly sponsored by The Hayner Public Library District and the Music Department of Lewis & Clark Community College.
Register at 1-800-613-3163

Adult Winter Reading Program

Join us this winter for our Adult Winter Reading Program! From February 1 to February 28, 2022, Hayner Library invites patrons age eighteen and older to join in the winter reading fun—and a chance to win a grand prize gift basket designed to help you beat the winter chill.

Registration and participation are easy. Simply visit the Downtown Library or Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall and fill out a short registration form. For each book, e-book, or audiobook you read, you get a chance to enter a drawing for the grand prize. The more you read, the more chances you have to win! We will draw a winner at each location.

As an added bonus, each week during the program, we will highlight a different library service, program, or collection in the form of a scavenger hunt "Word of the Week" poster hidden in the library. Visit the library weekly, find the hidden poster, and write down the Word of the Week to earn an additional chance to win the grand prize gift basket. Happy winter reading!

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Crazy Critters Who Made The News!

Who doesn't love a cuddly warm kitten or a pudgy rambunctious pup? Over the years, The Hayner Public Library District has shown our support for the canine and feline species with programs such as Food for Fido and Bow-wow Pow-wow, where children can read to a group of laid-back pooches during Saturday morning read-a-thons.

For the most part, our pets are cute, lovable, and fun. But sometimes, let's be honest, they can also be a downright headache! I have owned a few such critters, and so did the folks below, according to the local newspaper.

In October 1908, the *Alton Evening Telegraph* ran a front-page story about Jim Chessen's parrot. Jim's beautiful pet bird was an enthusiastic talker, but the words he chose to speak were not beautiful at all. The newspaper article reported the fine feathered companion had such a foul vocabulary that it even repulsed Jim! So much so, he tried several times to give the bird away, but no one wanted to be the person responsible for bringing such vulgarity into their home. A week after the article ran, the newspaper reported that Mr. Chessen was trading horses with his neighbor Joe Heines. I wonder why Jim didn't take advantage of throwing in the bird as an added bonus to the deal?

Jim Chessen's parrot wasn't the only parrot in Alton to make headlines. Three years later, in 1911, Mrs. Scott Walker on East Fifth Street had a parrot which she put on the front porch each morning to bask in the warm sunlight. But the warm morning sun wasn't the bird's only enjoyment. He also delighted in squawking out insults to the children walking to school. Having endured more than a fair share of the bird's shenanigans, a group of young boys plotted their revenge. The newspaper reported the boys armed themselves with "flippers" and declared war on the brash-speaking bird! As they approached the battleground (the Walker's front lawn!), the parrot exclaimed, "Wash your neck, dirty shirt." Now, I have no idea what this silly statement meant to the bird, but the boys took it as a full-blown insult and opened fire. One well-placed shot knocked the pint-sized bully right off his perch. Luckily, the bird made a full recovery, and the boys received a reprimand.

In 1973, a moody goose on the loose was causing an uproar all around Grangeville, Idaho. Residents reported it to be running wildly and menacing the neighborhood canines with no regard to the size or disposition of the dogs. The owner of the grumpy goose was fined five dollars for allowing it to run around town unrestrained, but the city dropped the measly fine after their legal counsel declared the leash law did not apply to geese. The harassing of the hounds continued until the city changed the local law.

Dobin was a fire department horse who loved to run, and in 1928 he was arrested for doing just that. But Dobin wasn't running to a fire or a rescue—he was running for the joy of it. He was spotted blissfully sprinting down public streets, across busy intersections, and through red stoplights. Dobin evaded all valiant attempts at capture, but he was finally caught by an exasperated patrolman who, without prejudice, arrested and charged the horse with exceeding the speed limit! Dobin's free rein adventure landed him a front-page newspaper story along with the title of "first horse to be arrested in Chicago."

In 1937, a family in Alton was raising a pair of monkeys on Highland Avenue. Baby Lou was the youngest, and he was said to be a pesky little critter whose daily antics were more than a barrel of…fun (you expected monkeys, right?). According to the newspaper headline, Baby Lou was dubbed "Family Nuisance Number One." Since he was allowed to run around the home unattended, his exploring quickly became a problem for the entire household. When Baby Lou found the mailbox, he began a daily ritual of removing the mail and joyously tearing every piece to shreds. Next, he discovered the clothesline and the great pleasure of removing the freshly laundered clothes so that he could distribute them haphazardly around the yard. But Baby Lou did have a few redeeming qualities. He loved to swim in Piasa Creek, hang from the top of a broomstick, sit lovingly on shoulders, and chew the gum that he would pull right out of his owner's mouth (and there goes the bad temperament, again!).

In 1911, Mr. Pfaff of Alton had a melancholy chicken. The chicken was reportedly twenty-five years old and seemingly sick. The newspaper reporter compared the hen to Methuselah, so I assume it is unusual for a chicken to reach this milestone birthday. During her life on the farm, she had dutifully acted as a surrogate mother to the baby chicks, but lately, she had abandoned her position as mother hen and no longer seemed interested in her farm life. Mr. Pfaff, thinking the hen was ready to say her final goodbye, took her for a ride into town so he could have a professional photo taken of his beloved bird before she died. Surprisingly, after Mr. Pfaff's and his egg-laying sidekick's joyride ended, the hen recovered from her discontent and went back to her motherly duties with a renewed enthusiasm. Mr. Pfaff firmly believed the day-long outing away from the farm was the healing touch for the aged hen. I guess this proves that all mothers (human or poultry) need a break from the brood now and then!

Dogs are man's best friend, and some can actually tell you so! According to an article in the September 20, 1950 *Alton Evening Telegraph* newspaper, telephone linemen were startled when a dog at the East Alton residence of E.A. Jones called out to his owner. What was so startling was that he didn't call out by a bark but by a word. According to the linemen, the owner's wife told the dog to "call Earl," and the dog did exactly as he was told. He yelled out, "Earl!" When the shocked workmen questioned Mrs. Jones about what they had just heard, she told them the dog could talk, but usually only on mornings when the weather is cool. It seems the mongrel dog, who had been rescued by the Jones family a year earlier, was a bit picky when it came to vocalizing his talent. She also informed the workers that the dog barks, too! Well, now, who would have guessed that?

Mary may have had a little lamb who followed her to school, but according to the 1948 *Alton Evening Telegraph*, Johnny had a dog. And Johnny's dog was not the only pup who followed the kids to school that year. According to the article, too many dogs were accompanying their young friends to school and then gathering to play and fight on the playground. The canine high jinks, which were happening right outside the schoolroom window, were distracting the children so much that school officials called the police to break up the rally and send the dogs home. But the police said the wayward pets were not breaking any laws, so they could not

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do anything about it. Maybe this is why Mary had a little lamb; it was a quiet pet that behaved more civilly on the playground!

Myrtle, the turtle from Wood River, made front-page headline news in 1963 when her six-year-old owner Cynthia Floyd came home from school and couldn't find her slow-moving playmate. Besides Myrtle the turtle, little Cindy had three goldfish named Reggie, Kent, and Wilbur. She also had a small poodle named Babette, who, besides the fish, was the only occupant in the house when Myrtle went missing. An accusatory finger was pointed—and it was pointed in Babette's direction. Worried for the dog's health if she did indeed turn Myrtle into an afternoon snack, the family consulted a veterinarian. The vet declared that the outcome had been far worse for the turtle than the consequences would be for the ornery little pooch. Myrtle the turtle was never seen again, and the newspaper reported that Babette never confessed.

The primate, poodle, and parrots in this article prove that the pets of our ancestors can also shed some light on who our family members were and how they lived. Maybe adding some pet stories to your genealogy research can introduce a whole different side of the family!

By: Pam Bierman
The Genealogy & Local History Library

FOOD FOR FIDO

During the month of April, you may bring back overdue items and pay your fine with pet food and supplies.

- Applies to Hayner Library materials only.
- Applies to items still checked out to you, not to fines already on your card for materials previously returned.
- Pet items must be brought in at the same time you return the materials.
- One pet item per overdue item.

All collected items will be donated to the 5A's.

Pedometer Lending Program Keep Walking This Winter! Borrow a Pedometer!

Mall walkers and outdoor walkers! Stop by Hayner Library and check out a pedometer with your library card. Pedometers can be borrowed for two weeks and possibly renewed (if there are no outstanding holds). Keep track of your steps and enjoy the physical activity of walking.

Pedometers track the number of steps taken in a day and are a popular tool for motivating physical activity. Both our physical and mental health benefit from walking. Try using a pedometer this winter and add more steps to your day!

And while you're at the library, be sure to pick up our hiking guide, which lists local walking paths and trails to explore.

New in Our Illinois Room

Cahokia Brought to Life: An Artifactual Story of America's Great Monument. IR 977.389 CAH

Charles (Cletus) Joseph Kramer, 1892-1964: Georgia Ellen (Mahoney) Kramer, 1894-1977 **by Joyce Taff.** IR 929.2 KRAMER

Dedication Randolph County Courthouse, June 14, 1975. IR 977.392 DED

Education at The Principia: Selections from Letters, Messages, and Statements **by Mary Kimball Morgan.** IR 378.77386 MOR

Directory: Alton Community Unit School District No. 11, Alton, Illinois. IR 371.0177386 DIR 1964-65 and IR 371.0177386 DIR 1965-1966

From Slave to State Legislator: John W. E. Thomas, Illinois' First African American Lawmaker. IR B THOMAS

Historic Preservation Patch: Girl Scout Junior Guide **by Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia.** IR j363.69 GIR

The History of Our New Prayer Garden **by Arnold Saaf (First United Methodist Church, Godfrey).** IR 287.677386 SAA

Holiday Treasures **by Godfrey Women's Club (2011 cookbook).** IR 641.5 HOL

Humble Beginnings: The History of Cassens Transport **by Tom Rami and as remembered by Albert Cassens.** IR 388.0977386 RAM

The Illinois Freedom Project: Using Inspiring Stories of the Past to Inform and Empower Students to Create a Better Future—Featuring Stories and Places of Freedom in Illinois. IR 973.7114 ILL

The J **(Jersey Community High School, Jerseyville, IL, yearbooks, 1950, 1952, 1953).** IR 373.773855 JER

John Wade Taff, 1899-1951: Nina Helen (Baker) Taff, 1896-1953 **by Joyce Taff.** IR 929.2 TAFF

Kentucky Barracuda: Parker Hardin French (1826-1878): The Notorious Scoundrel and Delightful Rogue of Antebellum and Civil War America **by Joe Goodbody.** IR B FRENCH

Multigenerational Photos from Local Newspapers: Beginning 1922. IR 929.2 MUL

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form: Middletown Historic District (Boundary Increase 2)—Alton Downtown Historic District. IR 977.386 NAT

The Negro and Education in Missouri (1948) **by Ulysses Simpson Donaldson.** IR 378.77866 DON

Richard Thomas Taff, 1918-1985: Mary Delores (Kramer) Taff, 1920-1999 **by Joyce Taff.** IR 929.2 TAFF

Speakers' Spectrum: 1982–83 **(Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville).** IR 378.77386 SOU

Touching Each Tree **by John J. Dunphy.** IR 811.54 DUN

Watershed Cairns: The Mississippi River North. **Libby Reuter and Joshua Rowan.** IR 731.2 WAT

YWCA Southwestern Illinois Women of Distinction: 2021, Making a Difference. IR 977.386 YWC

KidsSpace

Winter 2022 Activities

Story Times

Virtual story times, designed for young patrons ages 2–7, will be available on the Hayner Library Facebook page on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Sam's Tuesday story time dates are January 4, 11, 18, and 25; February 1, 8, 15, and 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2022. Ms. Mary Kay's Thursday story times dates are January 6, 13, 20, and 27; February 3, 10, 17, and 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2022. The story times will also be available on our Hayner KidsSpace YouTube channel.

Audubon Story Time

Come join Ms. Sam for a fun bird-themed story time at the Audubon Center at Riverlands, located at 301 Riverlands Way, West Alton, MO 63386. The fun will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. Masks are required at this program.

Take-Home Crafts

Each Thursday, we will offer take-home craft kits to young patrons ages 3–7 in KidsSpace at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. Dates for craft distribution are: January 6, 13, 20, and 27; February 3, 10, 17, and 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2022. The craft kits will be available at 10:00 a.m. We will distribute the craft kits while supplies last.

After School Fun Craft

Children ages 6–11 can visit the Downtown Library and pick up a themed craft on the following Tuesdays: January 18, February 15, and March 15, 2022. We will distribute the craft kits while supplies last.

Science with Sam

Science with Sam is a fun, monthly STEAM-themed program that happens on the first Friday of each month. Ms. Sam will prepare interactive kits for children ages 7–10 to take home that demonstrate different STEAM concepts such as surface tension, earth science, anatomy, and robotics! Each kit will include an item list and the ingredients needed to complete the activity. We will also post an instructional video online for families to watch! Adult assistance is required for some of the activities. Kits may be picked up at the KidsSpace desk at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. Kits will be available for pick up on the following dates: January 7, February 4, and March 4, 2022. We will distribute the science kits while supplies last.

Stuffed Animal Workshop

During this fun interactive workshop, children ages 3–7 will be read a themed story and entertained with a short puppet show. Children will then bring their very own plush animal to life by filling it with stuffing, naming it, and then taking it to its forever home. The fun begins at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 12, 2022, in the Hayner Library performance room, located on the upper level of Alton Square Mall. Registration is required to attend this program. Limited space available! Please call 618-433-2881 to register.

Hayner KidsSpace YouTube Channel

Hayner Library KidsSpace is now on YouTube! If you miss one of our virtual story times or Science with Sam videos on Facebook, you can easily find them on the Hayner KidsSpace YouTube channel. Search for "Hayner KidsSpace" on YouTube to access new and old videos—and to subscribe to our channel!

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TeenSpace

Winter 2022 Activities

Teen Take-Home Crafts
Do you love making crafts? If so, stop by Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall and pick up a teen take-home craft! We will distribute crafts kits on the following Wednesdays: January 12, February 9, and March 17, 2022. We will distribute crafts while supplies last.

Teen Diamond Art Series
Teens, stop by TeenSpace at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall each Wednesday in March and pick up a Diamond Art kit. We will distribute these kits to teens ages 11–18 while supplies last.

Not-Just-for-Teens Escape Rooms
Visit Hayner Library's Facebook page every Monday for a new virtual escape room challenge. Figure them out by yourself or with your friends! Answer questions, find clues, and solve riddles to complete these fun virtual games. We will post a new escape room each Monday, beginning January 3, 2022.

Color Your Stress Away
Visit Hayner Library's Facebook page every Friday for a new printable coloring sheet. Break out the colored pencils, turn on some relaxing music, and color your stress away. Coloring sheets will be available every Friday, beginning January 7, 2022.

Harry Potter Book Event
We are thrilled to announce "Magical Journeys" as the 2022 Harry Potter Book Night theme. We invite witches, wizards, and Muggles from all around the world to take a magical journey of their own through enchanting games, magical crafts, and bewitching activities. Stop by Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall on Saturday, February 19, 2022, from 1:00–3:00 p.m. For more information, please call Shannon at (618) 433-2872.

Teen Movie Event
Hayner Library invites teens ages 12–18 to join us on Saturday, January 15, 2022, at the new Alton Square Mall movie theater! We have rented one of the NCG Cinema theaters for a Saturday afternoon matinee. Participants will enjoy popcorn and soda during the movie. This program has a strictly enforced limit, so please register early! For more information or to register, please call Shannon at (618) 433-2872.

Teen Online Bingo
Teens can meet other teens online at our retro fun-filled Bingo challenge! This program takes place on Zoom on Saturday, March 26, 2022, from 1:00–3:00 p.m. Pick up your Bingo bag in TeenSpace at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall beginning Monday, March 21. We will offer the Bingo bags until a few hours before the game starts. The winner will receive a $25.00 gift card. To register for this challenge, please call Shannon at (618) 433-2872.

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Welcome to Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall KidsSpace, Ms. Sam!

Earlier this spring, children and parents found a new (masked) face behind the KidsSpace desk at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. We are happy to announce that Sam Staicoff has joined the Hayner KidsSpace department full time! Sam joined KidsSpace after Janet Andrews retired from the department in September 2020.

I must admit that when interacting with Sam, I have the urge to call her Sam I Am. She assures me that I'm not the only one who does. "I have so many parents and caregivers ask, 'Sam? As in Sam I Am?' when they first meet me!" said Sam.

This reference is fitting, not only because Sam works in our children's department, but because *Green Eggs and Ham* happens to be her favorite childhood book!

Sam brings an impressive academic resume to her position. After earning an undergraduate degree in psychology, Sam knew she wanted to pursue a career dedicated to helping children. After internships with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and the Head Start Program, Sam earned a master's degree in licensed mental health counseling.

Her realization of the potency of unity within a community and her desire to work in an established community-centered organization led her to apply for a position at Hayner Library. "While I was getting my master's degree and volunteering, I realized the magic that happens when a community comes together for the well-being of everyone," Sam explains. "Individual change is a powerful thing, but the change that happens when you have a supportive community is phenomenal."

Since her first day in her new position, Sam has worked tirelessly to provide unique and creative programs and events for the children and families in our community. One such program, Science with Sam, is especially important to her. Science with Sam is a STEAM-based program for children between the ages of seven and ten. STEAM stands for science, technology, engineering, and math. Once a month, children who participate in the Science with Sam program can visit the library to pick up an interactive kit that includes item lists and ingredients to perform an activity that demonstrates different STEAM concepts such as surface tension, earth science, anatomy, robotics, and more. Sam also records instructional videos for each kit, published on the library's Facebook page and KidsSpace YouTube channel. The Science with Sam program is rooted in Sam's passion for the scientific field. "The subject of science has always fascinated me, and I love learning about new theories or discoveries that can be tested through the scientific method," she said.

Science with Sam isn't the only program offered in KidsSpace. Each week, the KidsSpace staff, consisting of Sam, Mary Kay Serio, Sharon Windham (manager), and Shannon French, offers story times, crafts, and special programs.

With so many programs happening, I was eager to find out what part of her job Sam loves the most. "My favorite part of KidsSpace is getting to share the joy and creativity that comes with making children's programs. Watching kids' faces light up with happiness and understanding when they participate is what makes this job awesome," smiled Sam.

In the short amount of time that Sam has been in KidsSpace, she has created an atmosphere that allows children to learn, share, and grow as individuals. We're delighted that Sam has joined our KidsSpace department, and we look forward to seeing what creative ideas she has in store!

—Theresa M.
Technical Services Department

Congratulations to Vintage Voices for a Successful Twentieth Year!

Since 2002, Vintage Voices has become an important cultural event in our community. Every October, tours are held in the Alton Cemetery with actors in period costumes telling the story of Altonians who have shaped the Riverbend's history.

Vintage Voices began as a fundraiser for the Alton YWCA. Through the years, the event has been a collaboration between the YWCA, Alton Cemetery Board, Alton Little Theater, and starting in 2019, a committee of community volunteers. The committee partners with the East End Improvement Association (Alton, IL) to "Keep history alive!" The staff at the Genealogy & Local History Library assists the Vintage Voices committee in several ways:

- Helping to compile a list of possible decedents for the Vintage Voices committee to consider.
- Helping to locate the chosen decedents in the cemetery, especially if there is not a gravestone. The Genealogy & Local History Library collection contains copies of burial books, lot books, and other cemetery records. Cemetery maps are available in the library and on The Hayner Public Library District website.
- Providing research packets to the actors on the decedent they will portray. Actors write their own scripts—and really do a fantastic job!
- Providing access to physical and digital research materials such as the *Alton Telegraph* from 1836–present (available remotely from 1836–2012 and 2020–present with your Hayner library card).
- Serving as a permanent repository for Vintage Voices ephemera such as a complete set of the program booklets and many of the scripts written by actors over the years. All of these items are available to view in the library.

Proceeds from the Vintage Voices performances support the continuation of the event, upkeep of the Alton Cemetery, and various community organizations, including Hayner Library. Please come out next year to see our history come alive!

Martyr to Liberty: The Legacy of Elijah P. Lovejoy Film

On 2021's Lovejoy Day, November 9, a new documentary film premiered. *Martyr to Liberty: The Legacy of Elijah P. Lovejoy* has a permanent home in the video section on Hayner Library's Facebook page and on a new page of the Hayner Library website (https://www.haynerlibrary.org/genealogy-local-history/elijah-p-lovejoy-collection).

The Mythic Mississippi Project, a collaboration between the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (Dr. Helaine Silverman) and the University of Illinois, Springfield (Dr. Devin Hunter), produced the film. Created by Route 3 Films, it features Genealogy & Local History Library Manager Lacy McDonald and showcases many books and artifacts related to Lovejoy in the Hayner collection. Most notable is the yoke of Lovejoy's fourth printing press, found by Sparks Milling Company employee Alfred Pitts and pulled from the Mississippi River in 1915, and which now resides in the foyer of the Genealogy & Local History Library.

Our website's Lovejoy page also contains a link to a Zoom lecture with Author Ken Ellingwood. In it, Ellingwood discusses his book *First to Fall: Elijah Lovejoy and the Fight for a Free Press in the Age of Slavery*, a compelling, suspenseful nonfiction account of abolitionist Elijah Lovejoy. "It's a genetic test for modern journalism, an exploration of foundational American principles— the power of individuals, the fearless defense of a free press, and the deeper values of equality, justice and truth-telling at any cost," wrote Nancy Gibbs, former Editor in Chief of *TIME*.

In addition to Ellingwood's lecture and the documentary, our website's Lovejoy page also contains behind-the-scenes photos from filming, a bibliography of books and ephemera related to Lovejoy in Hayner's genealogy and local history collection, and information on the Lovejoy Memorial Committee.

Inclement Weather Closing Information

Winter is just around the corner, bringing with it the potential for snow and ice. To ensure the safety of our patrons and staff, the library may close should road conditions become too hazardous. If inclement weather is in the forecast, please call us at (618) 462-0677 before making a trip to visit one of our locations; an outgoing message will inform you of any changes to our regular hours of operation.

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Celebrate Women's History Month

In honor of Women's History Month, Hayner Library has a selected list of books highlighting the lives of extraordinary women. You will find these books, and more like them, at Hayner Library.

- *Grace and Grit: My Fight for Equal Pay and Fairness at Goodyear and Beyond* by Lilly M. Ledbetter
- *Bad Feminist: Essays* by Roxane Gay
- *Hood Feminism: Notes from the Women that a Movement Forgot* by Mikki Kendall
- *The Doctors Blackwell: How Two Pioneering Sisters Brought Medicine to Women—and Women to Medicine* by Janice P. Nimura
- *The Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation* by Anna Malaika Tubbs
- *The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote* by Elaine F. Weiss
- *Looking for Lorraine: The Radiant and Radical Life of Lorraine Hansberry* by Imani Perry
- *The League of Wives: The Untold Story of the Women Who Took on the U.S. Government to Bring Their Husbands Home* by Heath Hardage Lee
- *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover

Celebrate Black History Month

A Focus on Black Health and Wellness

This year, Black History Month examines how American healthcare has often underserved the African American community. Black health and wellness includes the physical body and emotional and mental health. Hayner Library has many health and wellness books written by African Americans about African Americans. The selected list below covers some of the topic for health and wellness. Read a book, become aware of issues, and have a conversation. Check out a good book and be informed.

- *Hunger: A Memoir of (My) Body* by Roxane Gay
- *You are Your Best Thing: Vulnerability, Shame Resilience, and the Black Experience—An Anthology*
- *Just Us: An American Conversation* by Claudia Rankine
- *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen: The Emotional Lives of Black Women* by Inger Burnett-Zeigler
- *My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies* by Resmaa Menakem
- *Black Pain: It Just Looks Like We're Not Hurting: Real Talk for When There's Nowhere to Go but Up* by Terrie M. Williams
- *Invisible Man, Got the Whole World Watching: A Young Black Man's Education* by Mychal Denzel Smith
- *More Than Pretty: Doing the Soul Work That Uncovers Your True Beauty* by Erica Campbell
- *Every Body Yoga: Let Go of Fear, Get on the Mat, Love Your Body* by Jessamyn Stanley
- *The Body is Not an Apology: The Power of Radical Self-Love* by Sonya Renee Taylor

Directory of Community Mental Health Resources

Libraries provide an important link to promoting general well-being through our collections and knowledge of information resources. Hayner Library has many mental health and well-being resources in our collection, including our Directory of Community Mental Health Resources. The directory was developed to help patrons locate reliable mental health organizations within the local community.

You can pick up your copy at any Hayner Library location. If you would like multiple copies for your organization, please contact the Reference department at reference@haynerlibrary.org, or call 618-462-0677, ext. 2849.

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New & Forthcoming Books

Nonfiction—

Amen, Daniel G., M.D. You, Happier: The 7 Neuroscience Secrets of Feeling Good Based on Your Brain Type

Atwood, Margaret. Burning Questions: Essays and Occasional Pieces, 2004 to 2021

Bertinelli , Valerie. Enough Already: Learning to Love the Way I Am Today

Bushman, David. Murder at Teal's Pond: Hazel Drew and the Mystery That Inspired Twin Peaks

Byrne, Rhonda. The Secret to Love, Health, and Money: A Masterclass

Clark, Melissa. Dinner in One: Exceptional & Easy One-Pan Meals

Douglas, John E. When a Killer Calls: A Haunting Story of Murder, Criminal Profiling, and Justice in a Small Town

Eliot, Marc. The Hag: The Life, Times, and Music of Merle Haggard

Galloway, Stephen. Truly, Madly: Vivien Leigh, Laurence Olivier, and the Romance of the Century

Gerard, Tieghan. Half Baked Harvest Every Day: Recipes for Balanced, Flexible, Feel-Good Meals

Gundrey, Steven R., M.D. Unlocking the Keto Code: The Revolutionary New Science of Keto That Offers More Benefits Without Deprivation

Hari, Johann. Stolen Focus: Why You Can't Pay Attention--And How to Think Deeply Again

Heath, Chip. Making Numbers Count: The Art and Science of Communicating Numbers

Kershaw, Alex. Against All Odds: A True Story of Ultimate Courage and Survival in World War II

Matthews, Michael. Muscle for Life: Get Lean, Strong, and Healthy at Any Age!

McEnany, Kayleigh. For Such a Time as This: My Faith Journey Through the White House and Beyond

Meyer, Joyce. The Power of Thank You: Discover the Joy of Gratitude

O'Neal, Shaquille. Shaq's Family Style: Championship Recipes for Feeding Family and Friends

Peters, William. At Heaven's Door: What Shared Journeys to the Afterlife Teach about Dying Well and Living Better

Pink, Daniel H. The Power of Regret: How Looking Backward Moves Us Forward

Puhak, Shelley. The Dark Queens: The Bloody Rivalry That Forged the Medieval World

Rear, Rachel. Catch the Sparrow: A Search for a Sister and the Truth of Her Murder

Roberts, Robin. Brighter by the Day: Waking Up to New Hopes and Dreams

Shields, Charles J. Lorraine Hansberry: The Life Behind a Raisin in the Sun

Stahr, Walter. Salmon P. Chase: Lincoln's Vital Rival

Streets, Annabel. 52 Ways to Walk: The Surprising Science of Walking for Wellness and Joy, One Week at a Time

Sullivan, Rosemary. The Betrayal of Anne Frank: A Cold Case Investigation

Thompson, Laura. Heiresses: The Lives of the Million Dollar Babies

Vonn, Lindsey. Rise: My Story

Zaleski, Laurie. Funny Farm: My Unexpected Life with 600 Rescue Animals

Fiction—

Allende, Isabel. Violeta

Atkins, Ace. Robert B. Parker's Bye Bye Baby (Spenser)

Beaton, M. C. Death of a Green-Eyed Monster

Benedict, Marie. Her Hidden Genius

Box, C. J. Shadows Reel

Briggs, Patricia. Soul Taken

Burke, Alafair. Find Me

Chamberlain, Diane. The Last House on the Street

Chase-Riboud, Barbara. The Great Mrs. Elias: A Novel Based on a True Story

Coben, Harlan. The Match

Dailey, Janet. Calder Grit

Deveraux, Jude. A Relative Murder

Davis, Fiona. The Magnolia Palace

Dorsey, Tim. Mermaid Confidential (Serge Storms)

Evanovich, Janet. The Recovery Agent (Gabriela Rose Novel)

Feehan, Christine. Phantom Game (Ghostwalker)

Fluke, Joanne. Caramel Pecan Roll Murder

Foley, Lucy. The Paris Apartment

Gardner, Lisa. One Step Too Far

George, Elizabeth. Something to Hide (Lynley Novel)

De Gramont, Nina. The Christie Affair

Greaney, Mark. Sierra Six

Gudenkauf, Heather. The Overnight Guest

Guterson, David. The Final Case

Hawkins, Rachel. Reckless Girls

Hoover, Colleen. Reminders of Him

Hunter, Stephen. Targeted (Bob Lee Swagger)

Hurwitz, Gregg. Dark Horse: An Orphan X Novel

Jance, J. A. Nothing to Lose: A J.P. Beaumont Novel

Johansen, Roy. Killer View

Kellerman, Jonathan. City of the Dead: An Alex Delaware Novel

King, Stephen. Gwendy's Final Task

Krentz, Jayne Ann. Lightning in a Mirror

Koontz, Dean. Quicksilver

Lippman, Laura. Seasonal Work: Stories

Macmillan, Gilly. The Long Weekend

Mallery, Susan. The Summer Getaway

Margolin, Phillip. The Darkest Place (Robin Lockwood)

McKinty, Adrian. The Island

Meier, Leslie. Easter Bonnet Murder

Meltzer, Brad. The Lightning Rod: A Zig and Nola Novel

Mezrich, Ben. The Midnight Ride

Mitchard, Jacquelyn. The Good Son

Parker, T. Jefferson. A Thousand Steps

Pataki, Allison. The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post

Patterson, James. The Horsewoman

Patterson, James and Dolly Parton. Run, Rose, Run

Patterson, James. Steal

Preston, Douglas. Diablo Mesa

Quinn, Kate. The Diamond Eye

Rice, Anne. Ramses the Damned: The Reign of Osiris

Rivers, Francine. The Lady's Mine

Robb, J. D. Abandoned In Death

Rollins, James. The Starless Crown

Scalzi, John. The Kaiju Preservation Society

Scottoline, Lisa. What Happened to the Bennetts

Shalvis, Jill. The Family You Make

Steel, Danielle. High Stakes

Steel, Danielle. Invisible

Taylor, Brad. End of Days (Pike Logan)

Todd, Charles. A Game of Fear

Tyler, Anne. French Braid

Winspear, Jacqueline. A Sunlit Weapon

Woods, Stuart. A Safe House (Stone Barrington)

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A Return to Rocky Fork: Early People

By Charlotte E. Johnson
& Reneé B. Johnson

Priscilla Baltimore, known as "The Moses of the West," helped organize the Underground Railroad system in southwest Illinois. (Photo courtesy of Rocky Fork New Bethel AME)

Though she never lived in Rocky Fork, Priscilla Baltimore was instrumental in founding the community. Born in Kentucky, her father sold her to another Methodist minister from St. Louis, Missouri. He allowed her to work as a seamstress to purchase her freedom. Well respected in St. Louis, Priscilla was therefore allowed to take enslaved peoples to church meetings. In 1825, she took eleven families to a meeting near today's Brooklyn, Illinois, and founded Freedom Town. Four years later, John Paul Quinn, an AME circuit-riding missionary, visited Freedom Town, organizing the people as a religious group and an Underground Railroad station. Priscilla Baltimore brought Rev. Quinn to Alton, where he organized the Lower Alton AME Church, part of today's Trinity AME Church. They then traveled on to Rocky Fork, where he organized the people into a religious group that became the Rocky Fork Bethel AME Church.

The combined efforts of Mother Baltimore and Rev. Paul Quinn established an AME Underground Railroad route from St. Louis, Missouri, through Jersey County, Illinois. After leading more than 300 people to freedom, many through Rocky Fork, Priscilla Baltimore is known as" The Moses of the West." From Prairie du Rocher, Randolph County, Illinois, Peter and Lavine Baker moved their family to Alton in 1835 after completing a term of indenture. Founding members of the Colored AME Church in the city, the Bakers were well known to Priscilla Baltimore and Rev. Paul Quinn. After learning of the Rocky Fork settlement, Peter Baker purchased forty acres of land at ten dollars per acre and moved his family to the community. He later purchased more land from A. T. Hawley and established a cemetery that cradles the remains of twenty-five early settlers. Called to continue the AME freedom work, Peter and Lavine moved north, joining the AME church group that met at Diamond School in Delphi, Illinois. Peter befriended known abolitionist Dr. Diamond. On September 21, 1879, before a crowd of 3,000 in Brighton, Illinois, the two men shared the podium to celebrate the repeal of the Illinois Black Laws. At the time of her death in 1905, Lavine Baker was returned to lie in eternal rest at Rocky Fork.

London and Agga Jane Parks, along with their four children, registered at the Madison County Courts as required of free persons of color in 1837. Like the Bakers, the family settled first in Alton and became founding members of the Lower Alton Colored Methodist Church. The Parks moved to Rocky Fork in 1842 after purchasing forty-eight acres for $150.00. London Parks became an initial trustee of Rocky Fork Bethel AME, and when plans began for a church building, he deeded the land for construction for just one dollar. Eventually, the family moved north to Delphi and helped organize the gathering of worshippers at Diamond School. Mrs. Agga Jane Parks was returned to Rocky Fork for burial in 1880.

Erasmus Green's father was a respected Methodist minister appointed to the Louisiana Conference. The elder Green purchased his own freedom and assisted others in doing so. When Rev. Paul Quinn sent the call for a spiritual leader for a freedom-seeking community in Illinois, Erasmus answered the call. He and his wife Eliza Jane came to Rocky Fork in 1857.

They settled into their lives, farming land purchased from Misters Baker and Hawley. They welcomed four children and served the people of the area through their good works and the founding of Bethel AME, Rocky Fork Church. Months after the founding in 1863, Erasmus answered a call to arms. Forbidden to own or carry weapons in Illinois, he joined Company B of the 56th US Colored Infantry in St. Louis, Missouri. Following three years of distinguished service in Arkansas, Rev. Green rejoined his family and parishioners in Rocky Fork, bringing Andrew Jackson Hindman formerly of the 56th. Together, Rev. Green and co-pastor Hindman raised the first Rocky Fork Bethel AME church building in 1869. Rev. and Mrs. Green served the community until they died in 1907 and 1927, respectively. Descendants of the Greens and A.J. Hindman still live in the area and support the church.

Rev. Erasmus Green (Photo courtesy of Evelyn Hyndman Johnson)

Eliza Jane Green (Photo courtesy of Evelyn Hyndman Johnson)

A. J. Hindman (Photo courtesy of Rocky Fork New Bethel AME Church.)

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www.haynerlibrary.org

Hayner Library Facts

Our collection contains over 240,000 items. Nearly ten million items are also available through interlibrary loan within the Illinois Heartland Library System. Check them all out for FREE with your Hayner Library card!

We offer FREE e-books and audiobooks through the Cloud Library app.

Access databases on crafting, auto repair, *Consumer Reports*, health, readers' advisory, *The Telegraph* digital archives, and more 24/7 from home for FREE using our website or app!

Check out unique items such as telescopes, binoculars, fishing poles, 3D models, gardening kits, interactive children's kits, STEAM kits, and more for FREE with your Hayner Library card.

Our Genealogy & Local History Library collection offers FREE access to *The Telegraph* archives, city directories, yearbooks, cemetery maps & indexes, census information, family genealogies, property files, Ancestry Library Edition, and much more!

Our Reference librarian can assist you with FREE in-depth research, reader's advisory, and referrals for community and employment assistance.

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The Hayner Public Library District

Serving Alton, Godfrey & Foster Township Spring 2022

Hayner Laptops and Hotspots Available for Check Out

The Hayner Public Library District is pleased to announce that we now have laptops and hotspots available for check out at the Downtown Library and Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall.

Each laptop is equipped with a mouse, Microsoft Office programs (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint), a web camera, and ports for flash drives (so you can save your work). The hotspots allow users (both individuals and groups) to link a laptop, phone, or tablet to a free high-speed internet connection. For security purposes, the memory on each laptop is erased every time the computer is restarted. Patrons should use a flash drive to save all work; flash drives are available for purchase at the library for $3.00 each if needed.

Funding for this program was made possible through the Illinois State Library's Expanding Digital Inclusion: Transforming Library Services grant.

- Patrons must be a Hayner Library cardholder in good standing (unexpired card and no outstanding fines over $5.00).
- Patrons must be age eighteen or older to check out a laptop or hotspot.
- Patrons must fill out a Library Electronic Device Agreement form when checking out a laptop or hotspot.
- Laptops and hotspots can be checked out for two weeks and can be renewed once if no other patrons are waiting for a device.
- Overdue fees are $5.00 per day, per device. Wi-Fi service will be turned off to any overdue hotspot devices.
- For security and privacy reasons, the laptops are programmed to delete any information saved to the computer each time the device is rebooted. Therefore, patrons must use their own flash drive to save all work.
- Laptops and hotspots cannot be returned in the book drop; patrons must return the devices to the Hayner Library location from which they were checked out.
- Patrons are responsible for returning the devices in working order and with all components intact. Patrons are responsible for replacement costs for any lost or damaged devices and components.

Check it Out!
Hayner Library Offers Fort Building Kits for Children

The Hayner Public Library District will soon offer fort building kits for our young patrons. The 120-piece kits contain plastic tubes and connectors, as well as instructions to create a variety of different shapes and structures.

These building kits are an exciting way for children to utilize hands-on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) skills while designing and building their ultimate fort. The kits provide an opportunity for children to share new and creative structures with friends and family.

Things to Know...

About The Hayner

Public Library District

MAILING LIST UPDATE

The mailing list for the quarterly newsletter is being updated. Please contact the library if your address has changed, a correction is needed, or you would like to be added to or deleted from the mailing list.

HOLIDAYS

The library will be closed for the following holidays:
Easter Sunday - April 17
Memorial Day - May 29, 30

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Special Events at Hayner

All library special events are funded by grants and/or private endowment. Photos may be taken during library programs. Your enrollment in our programs will be assumed as your consent to allow the library the right to use these photos in promotional material.

Join us for our Spring 2022 semester of special events. These events are great for all ages, and they're all ***free of charge****. All programs do require registration. To register, please call 1-800-613-3163. All programs will be held in 225 Alton Square Mall, upper level.*

NOTE: 225 Alton Square Mall is located on the east side of the mall, on the second floor between the escalators and J.C. Penney.

REMINDER: Often, program registration fills up and rolls over to a waiting list. If you are not going to attend a program for which you have registered, **PLEASE** call 1-800-613-3163 and let us know so that we can fill your reservation from the waiting list.

Jared Hennings

Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 p.m.

Local vocalist Jared Hennings always attracts a full house. Jared will be presenting a program of music for romance. Ballads, Broadway tunes, and more will be on Jared's playlist. He will also perform a selection of spirituals that showcases his beautiful musical range.

Register at 1-800-613-3163

Wood You Be My Neighbor? The Benefits of Trees

Wednesday, May 4, 6:00 p.m.

Join Trees Forever Field Coordinator Emily Ehley to learn the who, what, when, where, and why of urban forestry. This presentation will include information about the benefits of trees to communities as well as tips on selecting, planting, and maintaining trees in your urban habitat. Come curious: questions, discussion, and engagement welcome!

Register at 1-800-613-3163

Note: This program will take place in the Multipurpose Room at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall.

Mark Dvorak

Tuesday, May 17, 6:30 p.m.

Mark has performed all over the United States and Europe. In 2018 he was awarded the Woodstock Folk Festival Lifetime Achievement Award and in 2012 he was recognized as Chicago's "official troubadour." His concerts are a mix of the familiar and the new, traditional folk, and standards from the Great American Songbook. He plays authentic country blues guitar and picks a great old-time banjo. Join us for a delightful evening of music and laughter.

Register at 1-800-613-3163

George Portz & The Friends of Bluegrass

Tuesday, June 7, 6:30 p.m.

George Portz & The Friends of Bluegrass is one of the most versatile performing groups in the area as they blend their fiery bluegrass roots with some traditional Irish and Louisiana Cajun. Their "Cajun Set" has won raves from crowds throughout the Midwest. This five-piece musical group's enthusiasm, top-notch musical ability, wit, and humor are always evident during their performances. George, the group's leader and founder, has won more than 130 first-place fiddling championships, played for two presidents, and performed at the Grand Ole Opry. George's musical philosophy is to always "leave'em wanting more"and they always do!

Register at 1-800-613-3163

Happy Fiftieth Birthday to The Hayner Public Library District!

Since 1852, the creation, maintenance, and expansion of (what is now) The Hayner Public Library District has been made possible by the tireless work and dedication of staff, volunteers, donors, Jennie D. Hayner Library Association, and The Hayner Public Library District Board of Trustees. The amount of strategy, effort, and creativity that has gone into the success of this library district is truly inspiring.

This article focuses on the years 1972 to 2022, in celebration of the Golden Anniversary of The Hayner Public Library District. For more information about the early years of Hayner Library, please see *Better Than They Knew: A History of Public Library Service in Alton*, written by Pamela R. Klipsch. This book, written for the celebration of the Hayner Memorial Building Centennial (1891-1991), and others related to Hayner Library history are available in the Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton.

A public library district differs from a city or county library in that it is a wholly independent local governmental unit. Public library districts are created by an election or a conversion of a pre-existing library. On January 25, 1972, Alton voters approved the referendum to establish the independent Hayner Public Library District. Prior to this election, the library had operated first as a subscription library and then a city library.

A library center in the Godfrey Town Hall opened in the late spring, Monday through Friday, with over 1,500 items. The new district began operation on July 5, 1972. Just weeks later, and despite expanded services, including the Godfrey library center, bookmobile services, children's programming, and mail-order paperback services, Godfrey and Foster Township voters opted not to join the library district by a five-to-one margin. Godfrey and Foster Township residents who lived in the Alton School District could still purchase non-resident library cards to use Hayner Library services.

In 1973, the library's collection was 80,000 books and periodicals, 3,000 recordings, 300 8mm and 6mm films, and subscriptions to 200 magazines and fifteen newspapers.

On October 6, 1974, an open house was held to celebrate the newly-refurbished Hayner Memorial Library building as the Hayner Children's Library. The library has offered a children's Summer Reading Program annually since at least the 1950s, and Hayner Library has always tried to be a welcoming place to children. Also in October 1974, Hayner Library began offering Sunday hours for the first time in its history.

In 1978, the library purchased the former Tri-City Grocery building at 326 Belle Street, which now houses the current Downtown Library. The library had leased this property and two adjoining properties since 1970.

In June 1981, the Friends of the Hayner Public Library District group was formed.

In 1985, the Alton Square branch library opened at the Alton Square Mall. It was one of the first full-service branch libraries to operate in a shopping mall in the United States and the very first in Illinois. The library branch, whose storefront was covered with gift wrap and a giant bow, was "unwrapped" by Illinois Secretary of State Jim Edgar and Hayner Board Chairman Forrest Cook. The Alton Square Mall library branch was made possible by a grant from the Illinois Library System. Its continuation beyond the first year depended entirely on the expansion of the district to the rest of the Alton School District. Luckily, the following year, on March 18, 1986, a new referendum on Godfrey and Foster Townships joining the library district passed with a margin of seventy-nine percent.

The annual Hayner Library "Food for Fines" drive began in the late 1980s and continues to this day. Each fall, Hayner Library patrons with overdue materials can pay their fines with non-perishable food items, which the library then donates to the Crisis Food Center in Alton.

In June 1987, increasing maintenance costs and the success of the Alton Square branch led the library to discontinue the bookmobile service. In the fall of 1987, the library began providing delivery of books to library users who were temporarily or permanently homebound through the Hayner Homebound service. The service also provided books to area nursing homes and retirement centers.

In August 1987, Hayner Library announced that the Children's Library had become the Young People's Library. The young adult books were moved to the Hayner Memorial Library building in the fall, and services for teens ages thirteen to sixteen increased. The young adult area had a record player with headphones and a record collection that included a selection of rock music.

On Sunday, October 1, 1989, the renovated Main Library (now the Downtown Library) at 326 Belle Street reopened to the public. The renovation featured a new brick exterior, new windows, carpeted floors, new books shelves, and a new computer. The renovation and restoration of the Hayner Memorial Library building at 401 State Street then began. The library's ninety-nine-year-old slate roof was replaced. Other repairs included repairing mortar, installing a new air conditioning system, and making the restrooms and doors accessible to all patrons. The grand opening and rededication of the building occurred on May 19, 1991. More than 100 visitors came to the celebration, and harpist Amy Conrady played at the event.

In 1992, The Hayner Public Library District began mailing the quarterly newsletter to every address in the district.

In 1993, Hayner Library's card catalog was replaced by a computerized catalog of the library's 184,000 holdings. The task of entering titles and holdings into computer files took more than three years. Hayner Library's newly-computerized catalog was then linked with other members of the regional Lewis & Clark Library System, allowing Hayner Library patrons to see the holdings of other system libraries and electronically request those items through interlibrary loan.

In 1995, the Hayner Youth Library became the first site in Illinois to launch the rod and reel loaner program in a partnership with the Urban Fishing Program of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Hayner Library is still part of the program to this day.

In late 1999, Hayner Library upgraded the computers and began offering internet access thanks to a per capita grant through the state.

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In 2001, Hayner Library began the annual "Food for Fido" program. Every April, Hayner Library patrons with overdue materials can pay their fines in pet food, which the library then donates to the Alton Area Animal Aid Association.

In 2003, Therapy Dog International (Chapter 310) and The Hayner Public Library District staff joined forces to create our Bow-wow Pow-wow reading program. The program enables children of all ages to read an age-appropriate short story of their choice to a certified pet therapy dog. The program intends to make reading fun and boost children's confidence in reading aloud. As word of the success of this program has spread, Hayner Library staff have been contacted by libraries as far away as Colorado and North Carolina who are interested in starting their own reading programs.

In 2006, The Hayner Public Library District was presented with the Illinois Centennial Award by the Illinois State Historical Society. The award is presented to Illinois businesses and not-for-profit corporations celebrating 100 or more years of continuous operation in recognition of their economic and cultural contributions to the state. Also honored at the 2006 Centennial Awards Banquet were the State Journal-Register, the Chicago History Museum, the Lincoln Park Zoo, and the Chicago Cubs.

On March 21, 2009, Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall moved to its present location on the mall's lower level. State Senator Bill Haine (who worked as a Page at Hayner Library when he was a teenager) cut the ribbon. Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White and his Jesse White Tumbling Team were there to celebrate. Musical ensemble Bach to the Future performed, and Izzy the Grizzly, mascot of the Gateway Grizzlies baseball team, greeted patrons. During the first week, presentations by staff from the St. Louis Science Center, the St. Louis Zoo, and the Butterfly House added to the excitement. WBGZ Radio conducted its morning broadcast from the library on March 23.

The renovated Hayner Memorial Library building opened as the Genealogy & Local History Library on May 21, 2011, the 120th anniversary of the library building. During the renovation, the stained glass windows were moved from the annex to the current position above the Illinois Room doorways. The display cases and the circular desk area were also added, as well as the Tiffany-style chandelier in the foyer. The Illinois Room now houses the Genealogy & Local History collection, which contains more than 9,000 books and other cataloged items.

In 2017, the Genealogy & Local History Library became a Passport to Your National Parks stamp site. Alton is part of the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area (ALNHA) and was named an official "Looking for Lincoln" community in September 2017. That designation allowed local organizations to become part of the ALNHA's National Park Service passport program. The library has many historic books about Abraham Lincoln and Lincoln photographs and artifacts are generally on display. In the mid-1850s, Lincoln's law partner, William Herndon, was a speaker in the Alton Library Association's lecture series.

In 2018, Hayner Library began providing a Storywalk® at several local parks. StoryWalk® is an outdoor reading experience in which the library staff deconstructs a children's book (chosen by our children's librarian), laminates the pages, and places them in a weatherproof metal storyboard along a path. There are now permanent Hayner Library StoryWalk® markers on the Frog Trail at The Nature Institute in Godfrey.

The yoke of the printing press thrown into the Mississippi River the night that an angry mob murdered Elijah P. Lovejoy on November 7, 1837, can be seen in the lobby of the Genealogy & Local History Library. The press yoke had been displayed for more than eighty years in the lobby of *The Telegraph* building in Downtown Alton. The Hearst Corporation bought *The Telegraph* in 2017, and they donated the yoke to the library in 2018 when the newspaper's offices moved to a new building.

In 2019, a small group of Alton High School students and their teacher, Mrs. Lexa Browning-Needham, collaborated with Reneé B. Johnson of the Genealogy & Local History Library to publish a rhyming alphabet picture book *Alton ABC*. Copies are available at the Genealogy & Local History Library, and a new coloring book, *Color Me Alton*, will also be available this May.

In 2020, the Coronavirus pandemic struck, and The Hayner Public Library District staff worked to develop innovative ways to serve patrons during this uncertain time. Dial-A-Story, which had first been popular in the 1970s, made a comeback. The Downtown Library and Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall started offering curbside pickup. The Genealogy & Local History Library digitized hundreds of books and photographs, and all databases were accessible remotely.

In 2022, things are somewhat back to normal, but we've retained some of the pandemic-related services that made using the library easier for patrons. Curbside pickup will remain an option indefinitely. Newspaper databases are still available remotely, and we're adding more historical photographs to the Illinois Digital Archives every day. Both the Downtown Library and Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall have children and teen areas and offer programs in-person and virtually. Science with Sam, Dial-A-Story, story time programming, and take-home crafts are all available for children. Teens have movie theater outings, take-home-art projects, virtual escape rooms, and other specialized programming. Free musical performances, lectures, and genealogy programs are being offered in-person once again.

The Hayner Public Library District collection contains over 225,000 items. Nearly ten million items are available through interlibrary loan within the Illinois Heartland Library System. The library offers free e-books and audiobooks through the Cloud Library app. You can access free databases on crafting, auto repair, *Consumer Reports,* health, readers' advisory, *The Telegraph* digital archives, and more from home using your Hayner Library card through our website or SHARE Mobile Library app. Computers, internet, and Wi-Fi access are available for use by patrons at all library locations. The library also provides laptops and hotspots for check out at the Downtown Library and Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. You can also check out unique items such as telescopes, binoculars, fishing poles, 3D models, gardening kits, STEAM kits, and more for free with your Hayner Library card. The Hayner Public Library District has come a long way in the first fifty years, and we look forward to serving the Riverbend community for the next fifty and beyond.

By Lacy McDonald
The Genealogy & Local History Library Manager

KidsSpace

Spring 2022 Activities

Story Times

Virtual story times, designed for young patrons ages 2-5, will be available on the Hayner Library Facebook page on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Sam's Tuesday story time dates are April 5, 12, 19, and 26; May 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2022. Ms. Mary Kay's Thursday story times dates are April 7, 14, 21, and 28; May 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2022. The story times will also be available on our Hayner KidsSpace YouTube channel.

Take-Home Crafts

Each Thursday, we will offer take-home craft kits to young patrons ages 3-6 in KidsSpace at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. Dates for craft distribution are: April 7, 14, 21, and 28; May 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2022. The craft kits will be available at 10:00 a.m. We will distribute the craft kits while supplies last.

Science with Sam

Science with Sam is a fun STEAM-themed program that happens on the first Friday of each month. Ms. Sam will prepare interactive kits for children ages 7-10 to take home that demonstrate different STEAM concepts such as surface tension, Earth science, anatomy, and robotics! Each kit will include an item list and the ingredients needed to complete the activity. We will also post an instructional video online for families to watch! Adult assistance is required for some of the activities. Kits may be picked up at the KidsSpace desk at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. Kits will be available for pick up on the following dates: April 1 and May 6. We will distribute the science kits while supplies last.

Library Easter Egg Hunt

April 11-16 - Each child who finds an Easter egg at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall during this week can turn it in at the desk for an Easter surprise!

Jelly Bean Guessing Game

April 11-16 - Stop by KidsSpace at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall and see if you can guess how many jelly beans are in the jar. The participant whose guess is the closest wins an Easter basket!

StoryWalk at The Nature Institute

Saturday, May 7 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All ages. Note: The first twenty-five families will receive a free copy of the StoryWalk book.

Summer Reading Program 2022
"Read Beyond the Beaten Path"

Registration for our Summer Reading Program begins Monday, June 6. To register, please visit haynerlibrary.beanstack.org. Everyone who registers on June 6 will be entered for a chance to win a Summer Reading Program-themed basket.

Monday, June 6 - Summer Reading Program Kickoff. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Little Campers Drop-In Craft. 10:00 a.m. Ages 2-5. Mondays, June 6, 13, 20, and 27; July 11, 2022

Stories and Art (Downtown). 10:00 a.m. Ages 2-6. Tuesdays, June 7, 14, 21, and 28; July 5, and 12, 2022.

Wednesday, June 8 - Fred & His Feathered Friends. 10:00 a.m. All ages.

Campfire Stories. 10:00 a.m. Ages 3-9. Thursdays, June 9, 16, 23, and 30; July 7, 2022

Big Campers Drop-In Craft. 2:00 p.m. Ages 6-12. Thursdays, June 9, 16, 23, 30; July 7, 2022

KidsSpace Drop-In Camp Game Day. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Ages 3-10. Saturdays, June 11, 18, and 25; July 2, and 9, 2022

Wednesday, June 15 - Riverbend Raptor. 10:00 a.m. All ages.

Wednesday, June 22 - Mike Anderson Campfire Sing-Along. 10:00 a.m. All ages.

Wednesday, June 29 - Rusty Pliers Comedy Show. 10:00 a.m. All ages.

Monday, July 4 - Library closed - Independence Day.

Wednesday, July 6 - No performer this week.

Sunday, July 10 - LAST DAY TO RECORD YOUR READING IN BEANSTACK.

Wednesday, July 13 - Mad Science. 10:00 a.m. All ages.

Thursday, July 14 - End-of-the-Summer Reading Program Party. 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Hayner Library Performance Room at Alton Square Mall. Celia and Little Celia will perform at 6:00 p.m.

Note: Depending upon future COVID-19 rates and possible mandates, the library may have to switch from in-person programming to virtual programming. For updates, please check Hayner Library's website or Facebook page.

TeenSpace

Spring 2022 Activities

Teen Take-Home Crafts
Do you love making crafts? If so, stop by Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall and pick up a teen take-home craft! We will distribute craft kits on the following Wednesdays: April 20 and May 18. We will distribute crafts while supplies last.

Not-Just-for-Teens Escape Rooms
Visit Hayner Library's Facebook page every Monday for a new virtual escape room challenge. Figure them out by yourself or with your friends! Answer questions, find clues, and solve riddles to complete these fun virtual games. We will post a new escape room each Monday.

Color Your Stress Away
Visit Hayner Library's Facebook page every Friday for a new printable coloring sheet. Break out the colored pencils, turn on some relaxing music, and color your stress away.

Teen Movie Event
Hayner Library invites teens ages 12-18 to join us on Monday, April 18, at the new Alton Square Mall movie theater! We have rented one of the NCG Cinema theaters for a Monday evening. Participants will enjoy popcorn and soda during the movie.
Note: Registration is REQUIRED to attend the NCG movie on April 18. Limited space is available. To register, please call Shannon at (618) 433-2872.

Teen Summer Reading Program Events 2022
"Read Beyond the Beaten Path"

Monday, June 6 - Summer Reading Program Kickoff. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Summer Reading Program Kickoff. All participants who register on this day will be entered into a drawing for a $50 gift card. Please register at haynerlibrary.beanstack.org, or on the Beanstack app.

Virtual Escape Room (Hayner Library Facebook page). Mondays, June 6, 13, 20, and 27.

Wednesday, June 8 - Board Games @ RBCC. 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Teen Take-Home Craft. Pick up at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall TeenSpace. Thursdays, June 9, 16, 23, and 30.

Color Your Stress Away coloring sheet (Hayner Library Facebook page). Fridays, June 10, 17, and 24.

Wednesday, June 15 - NCG Movie *(Jurassic World: Dominion)* Call for time. **Note: Registration is REQUIRED to attend the NCG movie on June 15. Limited space available. To register, please call Shannon at (618) 433-2872.**

Wednesday, June 22 - Free Play @ RBCC. 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 29 - Paranormal Speaker @ RBCC. 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please visit our website for more information about this program.

Wednesday, July 6 - End-of-the-Summer Reading Party (date and time to be announced).

Note: Unless otherwise stated, all in-person teen programs will take place at the Riverbender.com Community Center, located at 200 West 3rd Street, Alton.

New in Our Illinois Room

Annual Freedom Fund Banquet. Programs for 1993, 1994, 1996, 2001, Alton Branch NAACP. IR 323.1196073 NAT

Elm Street Presbyterian Church: 101 W. Elm Street, Alton, IL 62002. IR 285.177386 ELM

***Illinois Vignettes* by John H. Keiser.** IR 977.3 KEI

Information Bulletin of the Community High School: School Officers, Faculty, Courses of Study, School Calendar, General Information. Published by the Board of Education of the East Alton-Wood River Community High School, District Number 144, 1930. (Volume: 1930/Aug). IR 373.77386 INF

Jersey County, Illinois, Early Marriages, 1839-1876: With Index to Brides. IR 977.38557 JER

Jersey County, Illinois, Marriage Book III, 1916-1945: Indexed by Groom and by Bride. IR 977.38557 JER

***Marriages of Jersey County, Illinois, 1877-1915.* Compiled by Jersey County Genealogical Society.** IR 977.38557 JER

***New Hope* written and illustrated by Henri Sorensen.** IR jF SOR

One Hundred Years: Historical Sketch - First Baptist Church, Alton, Illinois (1933). IR LOCKED CASES 286.77386 WAR **(also available digitally through the SHARE online catalog)**

Piasa Indians Drill Team. IR 977.386 PIA

***The Prairie Is Our Home: A History of Hammond Community Including La Place, Burrowsville, Lintner.* Prepared under the sponsorship of the Hammond Centennial Committee, 1973.** IR 977.3673 PRA

***Preservation & Progress at the Urban/Rural Edge* by the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois.** IR 977.3 PRE

Reflections: A History of The Bunker Hill-Woodburn Area. IR 977.383 REF

Register of Invalid Pensions: Revolutionary Service, 1789. IR 973.34 CLO

St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Beltrees, Illinois. IR 977.38555 STM

Six Artists of St. Louis* by Thomas Morrissey.** IR 759.177865 MOR ***(Circulating copies also available at the Downtown Library and Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall)

Stark County, Illinois: Marriage Record, 1831-1866. IR 977.3513 TAY

Strasburg, Illinois, Hundertjahrfest, 1874-1974. IR 977.3798 STR **(also available digitally through the SHARE online catalog)**

***A Third Life: Sculptures for God, Country & Notre Dame* by Jerry McKenna (Autobiography of the sculptor of Alton's Lincoln-Douglas Debate reenactment).** IR B MCKENNA

***Tracing Your Ancestors: African American Research: A Practical Guide* by Diane L. Richard (2019).** IR 929.108996073 RIC

***Travel Talk* by Carolyn Scroggins. A collection of articles that appeared in the "Travel Talk" column in the Bunker Hill, Illinois *Gazette-News* in the 1980s.** IR 929.2 SCROGGINS

***Topspin: The Story of Dr. James Bazell Stafford, Jr.* by James B. Stafford, III.** IR B STAFFORD

***Vintage Voices: Scripts of Decedent Portrayals.* Compiled by The Hayner Public Library District Genealogy & Local History Library.** IR 977.386 VIN

Improve Your Outdoors with a Gardening Kit or Gardening Books

Have you ever wanted to try your hand at gardening but don't know where to start? Gardening kits are available at the Downtown Library and Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. Each kit contains a sun calculator (to help you determine whether your outdoor space is full sun, part sun, part shade, or full shade), a soil pH analyzer, and a soil thermometer.

The library also offers hundreds of gardening books for all skill levels, including books on container gardening, water gardens, vegetable gardens, organic gardening, rock gardens, and many other types of gardens. We also offer books on patio design, shed and deck building, and more.

Stop by Hayner Library and check out all of our resources for better outdoor living!

Color Me Alton Book Signing

Alton High School's Graphics Communication students and Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library staff member Reneé B. Johnson are at it again! This year's publication, *Color Me Alton*, is a multi-generational coloring book exploring the seasons in the Alton area. The book will be released Saturday, May 7, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton. Reneé, the student illustrators/design team, and project manager Lexa Browning will be on hand to sign copies of this fun new publication.

If you are a book lover, published or unpublished author, poet, songwriter, wordsmith, editor, designer, illustrator, publisher, agent, or creator, you'll want to stop by Maeva's Coffee, 1320 Milton Road, Alton, on June 11, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., for Writers of the Riverbend: Mix and Mingle. This is a unique opportunity to talk with local authors and find your next favorite book. Both *Alton ABC* and *Color Me Alton*, books created through a joint project with Alton High School Graphics Communications students and the Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library, will be available for purchase.

FOOD FOR FIDO

During the month of April, you may bring back overdue items and pay your fine with pet food and supplies.

- Applies to Hayner Library materials only.
- Applies to items still checked out to you, not to fines already on your card for materials previously returned.
- Pet items must be brought in at the same time you return the materials.
- One pet item per overdue item.

All collected items will be donated to the 5A's.

African American Newspapers in Alton

Before today's instant communications and twenty-four-hour news cycle, the only way to know what was going on in your neighborhood, state, or across the country and internationally was to check in with the neighbor who knew all, be in the thick of the happenings, or read about it in a newspaper. Historians and genealogists haunt these relics for evidence of individuals and families; economic, social, and cultural trends; geopolitical developments; and the occasional bit of gossip. In addition to the larger mainstream weeklies and dailies, many newspapers focused on labor, politics, ethnicity, and community. One of the earliest (1862-1900), and believed to be the first to subsequently become a daily newspaper published by a Black man in Illinois, was *The Cairo Gazette*. Such newspapers carried commentary on local, national, or international happenings but with the constituency's lens. Many of these papers are lost to history because they weren't published for very long, had a small circulation, or simply because no one thought to save them for the legacy they offered.

Family stories suggest that from 1903 through 1925, Mary Anne Green Hindman wrote a recurring column with highlights from the Rocky Fork area of Godfrey, Illinois. Mrs. Hindman carefully cut and pasted articles, advertisements, and columns in a scrapbook saved by her family. Several pieces include Mrs. Hindman's byline and the column heading, "Godfrey, Illinois," but they do not carry the name or date of publication. Perhaps her column, full of personal tidbits and community happenings, was a regular feature of a newspaper for which there is no other record.

One such publication was produced at St. John's Baptist Church in Alton, Illinois. Rev. Thomas P. Wright, the church's pastor from 1917 through 1984, studied printing at Shurtleff College. He employed this knowledge to print the church's bulletins, programs, and a weekly community newspaper. To encourage young people in the church to be informed about their community, Rev. Wright taught them how to run the press and other trade skills. No known copies of their efforts remain.

Another alumnus of Shurtleff College, Fred L. Penny, established a club at the Booker T. Washington Community Center which focused on publishing a community newspaper. Established in 1936 by the Alton Negro Council and the city's Playground and Recreation Commission, the Center stood at 5th and Belle streets in Alton, Illinois. The newspaper club continued under Mr. Penny's direction after he became principal of Dunbar School (1937-1939). No known copies or details exist related to the club's output.

By 1943, members of the Alton NAACP raised concerns about unfair, biased portrayals of the Black community in the Alton media. In answer, *The Question* newspaper was created on September 1, with Harold D. Johnson, editor, and Alton High School student Conway K. Graves, first as circulation manager and then as associate editor. Several prominent African Americans served as directors of the publication and feature writers. Just a few issues of *The Question* are known to have been in the files of the Black Pioneers Committee of the Alton Museum of History and Art. In those pages are articles on community issues and African American Altonians serving in World War II.

Madison County Courier began in 1985 with the following editor's note:

"This paper is being published in the hope that communications between these towns will be greater enhanced and the various communities of Alton, Godfrey, Madison, Edwardsville, and surrounding towns will be linked in a chain of information and ideas. It is hoped that this chain will serve to bring about the greater development of leadership and fellowship among its citizens.

It is the Courier's objective to publish a weekly newspaper that you feel is an asset to you and your community. Our objective is to bring to the forefront the positive things that are and can be found in our daily activities."

Once again, a small group came together to both highlight and inform their community. They were dedicated to reaching beyond the boundaries of individual towns to highlight a collective need. Lead by editor Grace Monroe, a renowned educator and activist, the *Courier*, carried articles on local happenings, regional and national race politics. In less than a year, the *Courier* fell victim to financial issues and discontinued publication. Examples of these publications are held in local private collections.

Would that we had an uninterrupted view of how the African American community saw itself and its role in the larger community. Imagine the events, people, camaraderie, and examples of patriotic citizenship lost to time. Likewise, imagine the student and scholar who, at some distant time, take in hand a copy of one of these gems and finds themselves. From such humble bits of paper, ink, and dreams comes the legacy of people, time, and place.

By Charlotte E. Johnson & Reneé B. Johnson

***Madison County Courier* Newspaper (Photo courtesy of the Charlotte E. Johnson collection)**

***The Question* Newspaper (Photo courtesy of the Charlotte E. Johnson collection)**

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Project READ Looking for Tutors

Let's change the world through intentional and meaningful service right in our own community.

Project READ, Lewis & Clark Community College's volunteer tutoring program serving our community in reading, math, or English language instruction, is looking for tutors to train and match with community members in need. If you would like to participate in an enjoyable online or face-to-face tutor training, or if you or someone you know could benefit from their free services, please call 618-468-4141. They look forward to hearing from you.

National Arbor Day Celebrating 150 Years

Arbor Day was first established 150 years ago after newspaper editor J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska City, Nebraska, proposed a tree-planting holiday on April 10, 1872. It is estimated that more than one million trees were planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day! Americans now celebrate Arbor Day by planting trees annually to enrich the earth for future generations.

Plant a tree to celebrate! Studies have shown that when you are around trees, stress is reduced, moods improve, and blood pressure lowers. Trees are good for your health and well-being. Urban street and park trees are just as important as rural forests.

Recommended books for a better understanding of trees:

- *The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate: Discoveries from a Secret World* by Peter Wohlleben
- *The Songs of Trees: Stories from Nature's Great Connectors* by David George Haskell
- *Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest* by S. Simard
- *The Wild Trees: A Story of Passion and Daring* by Richard Preston
- *Forest Bathing: How Trees Can Help You Find Health and Happiness* by Qing Li

Branching Out 2022 - Genealogy Classes

The Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library is happy to resume in-person Branching Out classes at the Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton.

April 14 - Sharing and Learning Family History on Social Media
April 21 - Discussion group

May 12 - Ancestry.com: Find Our Elusive Ancestors
May 19 - Discussion group

June 9 - FamilySearch.org: Images, Catalog, and the WIKI
June 16 - Discussion group

July 14 - From the Church to the Courthouse
July 21 - Discussion group

August 11 - Where We've Lived: Property Research
August 18 - Discussion group

September 8 - Making a New Home in a New Land: Immigration, Asylum, Naturalization
September 15 - Discussion group

October 13 - Uncover Family Details with Cemetery Records
October 20 - Discussion group

November 10 - Heroes in Our History: Military Records
November 17 - Discussion group

December 8 - All That's Fit to Print and More: Newspaper Research
December 15 - Discussion group

On the second Thursday of each month, library staff presents a discussion of a genealogy research topic.

On the third Thursday, we gather around the fireplace, and each of us gets a chance to share family stories, photos, and projects. We just relax and listen when we don't have anything to share. We learn from each other and have some laughs too!

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for the programs you would like to attend. You can attend as many or as few as you like.

New & Forthcoming Books

Fiction -

Albert, Susan Wittig. The Darling Dahlias and the Red Hot Poker

Andrews, Mary Kay. The Homewreckers

Atherton, Nancy. Aunt Dimity and the Enchanted Cottage

Baldacci, David. Dream Town (Archer Novel)

Barton, Fiona. Local Gone Missing

Bentley, Don. Tom Clancy Zero Hour (Jack Ryan, Jr.)

Berry, Steve. The Omega Factor

Bohjalian, Chris. The Lioness

Brennan, Allison. The Wrong Victim

Briggs, Patricia. Soul Taken

Brooks, Geraldine. Horse

Brown, Dale. Countdown to Midnight

Brown, Graham. Clive Cussler's Dark Vector (NUMA Files)

Burke, James Lee. Every Cloak Rolled in Blood

Cameron, Marc. Cold Snap (Arliss Cutter)

Carr, Robyn. A Family Affair

Clark, Mary Higgins. Where Are the Children Now?

Dailey, Janet. Somebody Like Santa

Dallas, Sandra. Little Souls

Egan, Jennifer. The Candy House

Estleman, Loren D. Monkey in the Middle: An Amos Walker Mystery

Feehan, Christine. Red on the River

Giffin, Emily. Meant to Be

Graham, Heather. Crimson Summer

Graham, Heather. Sound of Darkness (Krewe of Hunters)

Green, Jane. Sister Stardust

Grisham, John. Sparring Partners

Henry, Emily. Book Lovers

Hepworth, Sally. The Younger Wife

Hilderbrand, Elin. The Hotel Nantucket

Horowitz, Anthony. With a Mind to Kill: A James Bond Novel

Jackson, Lisa. The Girl Who Survived

Jenner, Natalie. The Bloomsbury Girls

Johansen, Iris. A Face to Die For

Kingsbury, Karen. The Baxters: A Prequel

Lauren, Christina. Something Wilder

Lupica, Mike. Robert B. Parker's Revenge Tour (Sunny Randall)

Lustbader, Eric Van. Omega Rules

Mallery, Susan. The Boardwalk Bookshop

Mandel, Emily St. John. Sea of Tranquility

Michaels, Fern. Secrets

Novak, Brenda. Summer on the Island

Paretsky, Sara. Overboard

Patterson, James. 22 Seconds (Women's Murder Club)

Patterson, James. Death of the Black Widow

Patterson, James. Escape (Billy Harney)

Perrotta, Tom. Tracy Flick Can't Win

Perry, Anne. Three Debts Paid (Daniel Pitt)

Pinborough, Sarah. Insomnia

Quick, Amanda. When She Dreams

Reich, Christopher. Once a Thief

Richardson, Kim Michele. The Book Woman's Daughter

Roberts, Nora. Nightwork

Rovin, Jeff. Tom Clancy's Op-Center: Call of Duty

Sager, Riley. The House Across the Lake

Sandford, John. The Investigator

Shalvis, Jill. The Friendship Pact

Steel, Danielle. Beautiful

Steel, Danielle. Suspects

Straub, Emma. This Time Tomorrow

Thayer, Nancy. Summer Love

Thayne, Raeanne. Summer at the Cape

Trigiani, Adriana. The Good Left Undone

Ward, Amanda Eyre. The Lifeguards

Weiner, Jennifer. The Summer Place

Weir, Alison. The Last White Rose: A Novel of Elizabeth of York

White, Kate. The Second Husband

Non-Fiction -

Alford, Terry. In the Houses of Their Dead: The Lincolns, the Booths, and the Spirits

Black, Riley. The Last Days of the Dinosaurs: An Asteroid, Extinction, and the Beginning of Our World

Blair, Selma. Mean Baby: A Memoir of Growing Up

Brown, Tina. The Palace Papers: Inside the House of Windsor - The Truth and the Turmoil

Burrows, James. Directed by James Burrows: Five Decades of Stories from the Legendary Director of Taxi, Cheers, Frasier, Friends, Will & Grace, and More

Cain, Susan. Bittersweet: How Sorrow and Longing Make Us Whole

Conway, Kellyanne. Here's the Deal: A Memoir

Davis, Viola. Finding Me: A Memoir

Fischer, Jenna and Angela Kinsey. The Office Bffs: Tales of the Office from Two Best Friends Who Were There

Gates, Bill. How to Prevent the Next Pandemic

Gilbert, Melissa. Back to the Prairie: A Home Remade, a Life Rediscovered

Grey, Jennifer. Out of the Corner

Hegseth, Pete. Battle for the American Mind: Uprooting a Century of Miseducation

Holes, Paul. Unmasked: My Life Solving America's Cold Cases

Jacobs, A. J. The Puzzler: One Man's Quest to Solve the Most Baffling Puzzles Ever, from Crosswords to Jigsaws to the Meaning of Life

McGrath, Ben. Riverman: An American Odyssey

McShane, Wulfhart, Nell. The Great Stewardess Rebellion: How Women Launched a Workplace Revolution at 30,000 Feet

Millard, Candice. River of the Gods: Genius, Courage, and Betrayal in the Search for the Source of the Nile

O'Brien, Keith. Paradise Falls: The True Story of an Environmental Catastrophe

O'Reilly, Bill. Killing the Killers: The Secret War Against Terrorists

Patterson, James. James Patterson by James Patterson: The Stories of My Life

Quindlen, Anna. Write for Your Life

Rabin-Havt, Ari. The Fighting Soul: On the Road with Bernie Sanders

Rinella, Steven. Outdoor Kids in an Inside World: Getting Your Family Out of the House and Radically Engaged with Nature

Shannon, Molly. Hello, Molly!: A Memoir

Sedaris, David. Happy-Go-Lucky

Tur, Katy. Rough Draft: A Memoir

Wohlleben, Peter. Forest Walking: Discovering the Trees and Woodlands of North America

Woods, Stuart. An Extravagant Life: An Autobiography Incorporating Blue Water, Green Skipper

New! Hayner Library's Walking Book Club

Hayner Library is happy to introduce a new program, the **Walking Book Club**, starting in April.

A walking book club is like a regular book club, except you meet at a walking trail and get some exercise while chatting about books. Studies have shown that walking stimulates our brain and helps us to focus and be more creative. Our Walking Book Club integrates mental, physical, and social activities, improving brain health while enjoying the company of others! Come enjoy the fresh air and beautiful trails!

Join us in the great outdoors for our first meeting on **Wednesday, April 13, at 12:00 p.m.**, **at The Nature Institute.** Frances Young, manager of Rehabilitation Services at OSF HealthCare, will talk about proper walking techniques. Afterward, we will walk the nature trail and discuss what books we wish to read as a group. Jean Shimunek, Reference librarian and Walking Book Club leader, will adjust the walk to be conducive to talking.

- *The Salt Path: A Memoir* by Raynor Winn. A memoir of love and inspiration set in nature.
- *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Nora Zeale Hurston. An all-time classic novel and masterpiece of the Harlem Renaissance.
- *52 Ways to Walk: The Surprising Science of Walking for Wellness and Joy, One Week at a Time* by Annabel Streets. Explores the good things that can happen when walking.
- *The Power of Fun: How to Feel Alive Again* by Catherine Price. Fun isn't optional, it is a must in our world today.
- *The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate: Discoveries from a Secret World* by Peter Wohlleben. Tells the story of species interaction in the forest.
- B*ird Brother: A Falconer's Journey and the Healing Power of Wildlife* by Rodney Stotts. A moving memoir on the power of birds to change a life.
- *Watership Down* by Richard Adams. Chronicles the adventures of a group of rabbits searching for a safe place to establish a new warren where they can live in peace.

Registration is required for the Walking Book Club. Forms are available online at www.haynerlibrary.org, or pick one up at the library. For more information, please contact Jean at reference@haynerlibrary.org or call 618-462-0677, ext. 2849.

Pedometers Available at Hayner Library

Mall walkers and outdoor walkers! Stop by Hayner Library and check out a pedometer with your library card. Pedometers can be borrowed for two weeks and possibly renewed (if there are no outstanding holds). Keep track of your steps and enjoy the physical activity of walking. And be sure to pick up a copy of the library's *Area Nature Walking Guide* for information on great local walks!

They're Back! Children's Learning Kits, Study Room Use, and Patron Seating Areas Return to the Library

Starting April 1, 2022, the use of many of the library items and services that were suspended during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic will resume.

Our children's learning and activity kits, study rooms at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall, and seating areas at all three library locations will be available for patron use.

A complete list of our children's learning and activity kits can be found on the KidsSpace page at www.haynerlibrary.org and at the KidsSpace service desk at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall.

The study rooms at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall are available during regular library hours. Patrons can make reservations at the Circulation Desk or by calling the library at 618-462-0677, option two. Walk-in study room use is also available if there are no pending reservations. There is a two hour limit when using the study rooms.

For the convenience of our patrons, curbside service will remain available at the Downtown Library and Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall.

Our adult programming will resume in the spring. We will continue to offer our children's story time virtually through the spring, and in-person children's programming and story time will resume with the kickoff of our annual Summer Reading Program on Monday, June 6.

The Hayner Public Library District

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2022 Election Calendar

Due to the delay in the 2020 Census, the 2022 Illinois primary election will be three months later than normal.

Illinois Primary

March 30-June 23	Vote by mail applications accepted
May 19	Early voting begins, vote by mail ballots mailed
June 27	Last day for early voting
June 28	Primary election day

U.S. General Election

November 8	General Election Day

For more information on elections, visit the Madison County Clerk's office at www.madisonvotes.com.

Looking for Your Polling Place?

Visit the Madison County Clerk's website at www.madisonvotes.com. Click on "Elections," select "Where to Vote" from the drop-down menu, then choose "Polling Place on Election Day." Fill in the "Voter Information Search" box. From here, you will be shown your polling place, congressional district, legislative district, and representatives.

Register to Vote

Hayner Library offers voter registration at our Downtown Library and Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. Please call ahead before arriving at the library to ensure that a voter registrar is available. You must present two forms of identification, one of which must include your current name and residential address.

You can register to vote throughout the year except during the twenty-seven days before an election. Between twenty-seven and seven days before an election you must use Grace Period Registration.

Grace Period Registration

You may register to vote in the County Clerk's office starting the day after the close of registration through Election Day. You must also vote at the time of registration during Grace Period Registration.

You may register and vote at any early voting location starting fifteen days before the election through Election Day.

Madison County Clerk's Office
157 North Main Street, Suite 109
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Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Calling Local Authors! Hayner Library to Hold Local Author Book Fair

This fall, Hayner Library will host a Local Author Book Fair, where you can meet local authors, buy their books, and have them signed. The event will be held Saturday, October 8, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. If necessary, a rain date is scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2022.

The event will feature library card registration, a showcase of non-traditional library materials available for check out, a prize drawing, and other library highlights. There will also be activities and story times for the kids. WBGZ will broadcast live from the event, and refreshments will be available for purchase. The Riverbend Raptor will also be roving around the book fair for your amusement!

You can browse or make purchases—and be sure to leave some time to explore the beautiful Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library and Jennie D. Hayner Memorial Park. The Friends of Hayner Library, located at 327 State Street, will also hold a book sale on this date.

Authors, this will be an excellent opportunity to introduce your books to your friends and neighbors!

Patrons, find a new favorite author and stock up your book collection to keep you busy during the approaching cold winter. What is more inviting than a stack of books to ease your cabin fever? There are so many talented local authors in our community who deserve your support.

Free parking will be available in the municipal parking lot across from the Downtown Library on Belle Street between 4th and 5th Streets.

If you are an author with books to sell, reserve a table by calling Mary Cordes at (618) 433-2877 or email mary.cordes@hayerlibrary.org. The library will provide tables and tablecloths for authors. Authors can bring promotional materials and books to sell. Authors are responsible for bringing their own banking supplies. Authors should plan to arrive at 8:00 a.m. in order to set up their tables. There is a limit of available tables, first come, first served. The last date to register for a table is Friday, September 30, 2022.

We are hopeful that this will become an annual event. Please plan to join us—bring the family and support local talent.

Free Cookie to Celebrate the Golden Anniversary of The Hayner Public Library District!

Fifty years ago this July, after 120 years of existing as a subscription library and then a city library, The Hayner Public Library District began operating as a library district. Come into any library location to celebrate with a My Just Desserts chocolate chip cookie on Friday, August 12, or Saturday, August 13, 2022.

Things to Know...

About The Hayner Public Library District

MAILING LIST UPDATE

The mailing list for the quarterly newsletter is being updated. Please contact the library if your address has changed, a correction is needed, or you would like to be added to or deleted from the mailing list.

HOLIDAYS

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The Library will be closed for the following holidays:

Independence Day, July 4

Staff Development Day, August 5

Labor Day, September 4 & 5

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Special Events at Hayner

All library special events are funded by grants and/or private endowment. Photos may be taken during library programs. Your enrollment in our programs will be assumed as your consent to allow the library the right to use these photos in promotional material.

*Join us for our Summer 2022 semester of special events. These events are great for all ages, and they're all **free of charge**. All programs do require registration. To register, call 1-800-613-3163. Unless otherwise stated, all programs will be held in 225 Alton Square Mall, Upper Level.*

NOTE: 225 Alton Square Mall is located on the east side of the mall, on the second floor between the escalators and J.C. Penney.

REMINDER: Often program registration fills up and rolls over to a waiting list. If you are not going to attend a program that you are signed up for, **PLEASE** call 1-800-613-3163 and let us know so we can fill your reservation from the waiting list.

Steve Davis

Elvis! Live!

Tuesday, July 19, 6:30 p.m.

Elvis (yes, THE Elvis) returns to Hayner Library with his Las Vegas-style revue that will have you rockin' in your blue suede shoes. Elvis sings and reminisces about his career in this great show that will take you back to Elvis's Vegas performances of the 1970s. Don't miss this chance to see The King live, onstage!

Register at 1-800-613-3163

Anna Blair

Patsy Cline Review

Tuesday, August 16, 6:30 p.m.

Anna Blair started singing Patsy Cline in 2009 when Steve Davis needed a new opening act for his Memories of Elvis show. She had been singing backup in his show since 2004. Join us for an evening of favorites performed as country music star Patsy Cline.

Register at 1-800-613-3163

The Scott Laytham and Karl Holmes Duo

Tuesday, September 20, 6:30 p.m.

Scott Laytham's skills as a musician, arranger, and composer are well known in the St. Louis area. Besides his live performances, Scott has also produced music for both local and national radio and television ads. For live shows, Scott has his hands full. He plays keys, guitars, and sings and also runs the light show and sound system. Karl "Trickee" Holmes is one of the best vocal impressionists in the country. Some of his impressions include Louis Armstrong, Al Green, Ray Charles, Barry White, Michael Jackson, Prince, Marvin Gaye, Nat King Cole, Elvis, Frank Sinatra, Tom Jones, Johnny Mathis, and the Temptations (he performs all five Temptations voices by himself). You must see it and hear it to believe it!

Register at 1-800-613-3163

KidsSpace

Summer/Fall 2022 Activities

Summer Reading Activities 2022
"Read Beyond the Beaten Path"

Saturday, July 2 – Drop in between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. for a fun activity in the KidsSpace at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. Ages 3-11 welcome.

Monday, July 4 – Library closed in observance of Independence Day.

Tuesday, July 5 – Enjoy Ms. Mary Kay's stories while Ms. Jenn designs a one-of-a-kind art piece. Ages 2-5 welcome. The fun begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Downtown Library.

Wednesday, July 6 – **No performance today.**

Thursday, July 7 – Stop by the Hayner Library Performance Room at Alton Square Mall and join Sam for Campfire Stories. Ages 3-7 welcome. The fun begins at 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, July 7 – Stop by Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall and join Sam for Big Campers Drop-In Craft. Ages 6-12 welcome. The fun begins at 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 9 – Drop in between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. for a fun activity in KidsSpace at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. Ages 3-11 welcome.

Monday, July 11 – Join Ms. Mac at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall for Little Campers Drop-In Craft. Ages 2-5 welcome. The fun begins at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 12 – Enjoy Ms. Mary Kay's stories while Ms. Jenn designs a one-of-a-kind art piece. Ages 2-5 welcome. The fun begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Downtown Library.

Wednesday, July 13 – Performer: Mad Science – Walk "Beyond the Beaten Path" as we travel 238,900 miles above the Earth. What is it like to walk in outer space? Mad Science will take us on this trip. The fun starts at 10:00 a.m. in the Hayner Library Performance Room at Alton Square Mall.

Thursday, July 14 – End-of-the-Summer Reading Party – Participants who have completed the reading requirements of twenty-five books are invited to join us on Thursday, July 14, in the Hayner Library Performance Room at Alton Square Mall. Participants will receive a free book, a reading certificate, and a snack. Winners of the three grand prizes will be announced at 5:45 p.m., followed by the Celia and Little Celia Show at 6:00 p.m.

Activities July-September 2022

Family Story Time with Ms. Mary Kay – Join Ms. Mary Kay and Panda Bear in an interactive story time for children of all ages. Enjoy stories, songs, an occasional puppet show, and a snack. Meeting dates are Tuesdays, August 23 and 30; September 6, 13, 20, and 27, at 10:00 a.m., at the Downtown Library. Limited space is available. Please register at (618) 462-0677, ext. 2836.

Stories with Sam – Join us for this fun and interactive story time for 2-5-year-olds. Children will hear stories, sing songs, and make crafts that reflect the weekly theme. Meeting dates are Thursdays, August 25; September 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, at 10:00 a.m. at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. Limited space is available. Please register at (618) 433-2881.

Science with Sam - Science with Sam is a fun monthly STEAM-themed program that happens on the first Friday of each month, beginning in September. Sam will prepare take-home interactive kits for children ages 7-10 demonstrating different STEAM concepts, such as surface tension, Earth science, anatomy, and robotics! Each kit will include an item list and the ingredients needed to perform the activity. We will also post an instructional video on our Hayner Library Facebook page and KidsSpace YouTube channel for families to watch! Adult assistance is required for some of the activities. Patrons may pick up their kit from Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall KidsSpace on Friday, September 2.

After-School Fun – Kids, join us for our After-School Fun Make-or-Take Craft at the Downtown Library KidsSpace! The craft is designed for children ages 6-10. The fun begins at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20. Please register at (618) 462-0677, ext. 2836.

Take-Home Crafts – Stop by Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall every Thursday from July 21 through September 29, and pick up your Take-Home Craft kit while supplies last. No registration required.

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SIUE StarLab Planetarium Visit – You're invited to join us and explore the StarLab Planetarium, part of the STEM center at SIUE. This program will take place on Wednesday, August 3, in the J.C. Penney courtyard, located directly outside the doors of Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. This fantastic STEM resource will project the night sky, show the movement of the stars and planets, and demonstrate moon phases. To attend this program, you must be at least five years of age and accompanied by an adult. The planetarium will be available for two shows: 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Limited space is available, so register now! To register, please call (618) 433-2881.

Grandparents' Day Celebration – Hayner Library KidsSpace will hold our annual Grandparents' Day Celebration for children ages 2-5. The fun kicks off on Wednesday, September 21, at 10:00 a.m., in our Hayner Library Performance Room, located on the upper level of Alton Square Mall. Please join us for a photo booth, cookies, punch, coffee, and the hilarious antics of Mr. Richard Landry and his fuzzy sidekick Snowball. We will have limited registration for this program. Register early! **To register for this program, please call (618) 433-2881. The registration deadline is Friday, September 16.**

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month – Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall KidsSpace will hand out a surprise goody bag to children who sign-up for a library card in September (while supplies last). You must show your new library card to a KidsSpace staff member to get your goody bag.

TeenSpace

July-September 2022

Teen Take-Home Craft

Teens, stop by TeenSpace on Wednesdays, July 20, August 17, and September 14, 2022, and pick up a fun Take-Home Craft kit. Crafts will be distributed at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall (while supplies last).

July: DIY bouncy balls
August: Jar fairy lights
September: Popsicle bracelets

My Library Crate

Do you enjoy book subscriptions? If so, this one is for you! This three-month book subscription is exclusively for teens ages 12-18. Stop by TeenSpace at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall and complete a short survey. Each month a TeenSpace staff member will pick a new read and reserve it just for you. The crate contains your book and few goodies! Book crates will be labeled with your name and placed on the hold shelf for five days after you are contacted. The crate will be checked out to you before you arrive. All you have to do is stop by and pick it up. For more information, please call Shannon at (618) 433-2872.

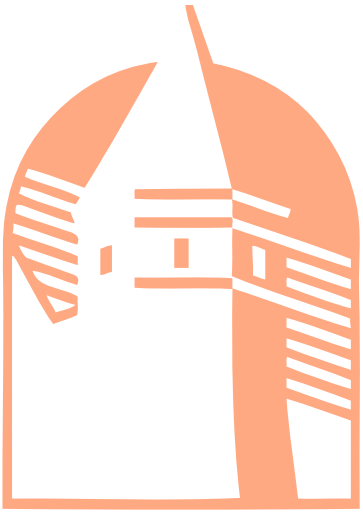
Not-Just-for-Teens Escape Rooms

Visit Hayner Library's Facebook page every Monday for a new escape room challenge. Figure them out by yourself or with your friends! Answer questions, find clues, and solve riddles to complete these fun virtual games. We will post a new escape room every Monday, beginning July 11, 2022.

Color Your Stress Away

Break out the colored pencils, turn on some relaxing music, and color your stress away. Visit Hayner Library's Facebook page every Friday, beginning July 15, 2022, for a new printable coloring sheet.

Note: Unless otherwise stated, all in-person teen programs will take place at the Riverbender.com Community Center, located at 200 West 3rd Street, Alton.



New in Our Illinois Room

175 Years of Art at the St. Louis Mercantile Library: A Revised Second Edition of the Handbook to the Collections by Julie Dunn-Morton. IR 708.177866 DUN

Amboy, Illinois: First 150 Years, 1854-2004. IR 977.336 AMB

A Brick and a Bible: Black Women's Radical Activism in the Midwest During the Great Depression by Melissa Ford. IR 305.420977 FOR

Color Me Alton: Seasons text by Reneé B. Johnson and illustrations by Allison A. McCarty, Hallie C. Beiermann, Sabrina K. Northway, Madeline J. Besaw, D. J. Holiday, Winnie Zheng, Genevieve L. Ahlin, and Olivia Joiner. IR j977.386 JOH

Golf Report: Study of Alton City Nine Hole Golf Courses (2005). IR 333.770977386 GOL

Great Rivers, Great Routes, Great Memories. IR 977.386 GRE 2021/FALL-WINTER

House of God: The Historic Churches and Places of Worship of the St. Louis Area (1995). IR 977.866 SCH

Influenza Epidemic of 1918: Newspaper Articles from the Alton Evening Telegraph compiled by The Hayner Public Library District Genealogy & Local History Library. IR 614.5180973 INF

Kaskaskia: The Lost Capital of Illinois. IR 977.392 MAC

Local Art & Artists compiled by The Hayner Public Library District Genealogy & Local History Library. IR 709.973 LOC

The Loyalists in the American Revolution. IR 973.314 VAN

Missouri Marriages Before 1840. IR 977.87 MIS

The People of the River Bend: The Way We Were–Index. IR 977.386 PEO

Photographers: A Sourcebook for Historical Research. IR 770.9 PHO

Prisons and Prisoners: A Study of Illinois Civil War Prisons (1992 thesis) by P. Samuel Whitehead. IR 973.77 WHI

A Rosenberg By Any Other Name: A History of Jewish Name Changing in America. IR 929.4089 FER

Rustic Architecture in Rugged Parks by Ronald E. Schmitt. IR 720.97 SCH

Sweet Greeks: First-Generation Immigrant Confectioners in the Heartland by Ann Flesor Beck. IR 338.476641 BEC

Understanding Colonial Handwriting. IR 929.1 STR

Women of Distinction. Thursday, May 24, 2012: 22nd Anniversary Celebration—YWCA of Alton. IR 977.386 YWC

YWCA Southwestern Illinois Women of Distinction: 2022, Making a Difference. IR 977.386 YWC

Adult Summer Reading Program

Join us this summer for our Adult Summer Reading Program! From August 1 to August 31, 2022, Hayner Library invites patrons age eighteen and older to join in the summer reading fun—and a chance to win some fun some prizes. Visit the Downtown Library or Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall for details. Happy summer reading!

Go Fish! Check Out a Fishing Pole at the Downtown Library

Are you looking for something to do with the kids this summer? Take them fishing! Patrons can check out free fishing poles with a Hayner Library card.

Our fishing pole program started nearly twenty years ago as a collaboration between Hayner Library and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources when the IDNR provided us with thirteen free fishing poles for our patrons to check out.

The fishing poles can be checked out from the Downtown Library and can be checked out for two weeks. Please note: The Illinois Department of Natural Resources requires a fishing license for anglers over sixteen. Please visit the Illinois Department of Natural Resources website for more information on fishing in Illinois (www.dnr.illinois.gov).

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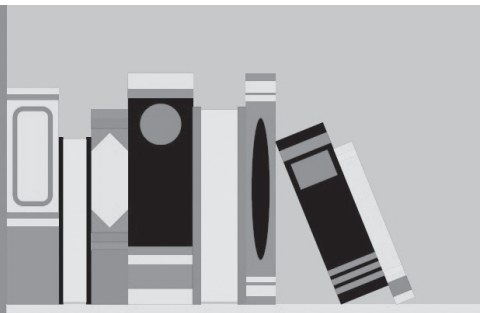

The Friends of Hayner Library is pleased to announce a new book sale format.

The Friends of Hayner Library building, 327 State Street, will now be open to the public weekly.

MONDAYS
9:30 TO 11:30 A.M.

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
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Please follow social distancing and masking protocols while inside.

NEW BOOK SALE FORMAT!

Color Me Alton: Seasons Coloring Book

Alton High School Graphic Communications students, their teacher Lexa Browning, and Reneé B. Johnson, Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library staff, recently published *Color Me Alton: Seasons,* a multi-generational coloring book exploring the seasons in the Alton area. We held a well-attended book signing on Saturday, May 11, 2022, and Hayner staff members dropped off donations of the coloring book to local schools. The coloring books are now available to purchase for $10.00 (cash or check) at the Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library.

Student illustrators Allison A. McCarty, Hallie C. Beiermann, Sabrina K. Northway, Madeline J. Besaw, D. J. Holiday, Winnie Zheng, Genevieve L. Ahlin, and Olivia Joiner worked for months to illustrate text written by Reneé B. Johnson, highlighting seasonal activities and events in Alton, Godfrey, and Fosterburg, Illinois. The students drew pages depicting the Alton Memorial Day Parade, Juneteeth Celebration in James H. Killion Park, Alton Farmers' and Artisans' Market, the Nan Elliott Memorial Rose Garden at Gordon Moore Park, the All-Wheels Drive-In Classic Car Show, the Great Godfrey Corn Maze at Glazebrook Park, and other wonderful local traditions.

This is not the first collaboration between the Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library and Alton High School's Graphic Communications students. In 2019, Reneé B. Johnson collaborated with Lexa Browning and her students to publish the rhyming alphabet picture book *Alton ABC*. Copies of *Alton ABC* are also still available to purchase for $20.00 (cash or check) at the Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library.

The proceeds for *Color Me Alton: Seasons* and *Alton ABC* books benefit the Alton High School Graphic Communications club, Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library, and future collaborations. It has been a joy to work with the Alton School District and we look forward to future projects!

Branching Out 2022 - Genealogy Classes

The Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library is happy to resume in-person Branching Out classes at the Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton.

Branching Out classes take place from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

July 14 - From the Church to the Courthouse
July 21 - Discussion group

August 11 - Where We've Lived: Property Research
August 18 - Discussion group

September 8 - Making a New Home in a New Land: Immigration, Asylum, Naturalization
September 15-Discussion group

October 13 - Uncover Family Details with Cemetery Records
October 20 - Discussion group

November 10 - Heroes in Our History: Military Records
November 17 - Discussion group

December 8 - All That's Fit to Print and More: Newspaper Research
December 15 - Discussion group

On the second Thursday of each month, library staff presents a discussion of a genealogy research topic.

On the third Thursday, we gather around the fireplace, and each of us gets a chance to share family stories, photos, and projects. We just relax and listen when we don't have anything to share. We learn from each other and have some laughs too!

Take a Hike! Read a Story in the Great Outdoors with Hayner Library's StoryWalk Program

Exercise, fresh air, nature, and literacy are all combined in Hayner Library's StoryWalk.

StoryWalk is an outdoor reading experience in which the library staff deconstructs a children's book, laminates the pages, and places them in a weatherproof metal storyboard along the Frog Trail at The Nature Institute.

The Nature Institute, located at 2213 S. Levis Lane, Godfrey, IL, is a non-profit land conservation and environmental education organization. The Frog Trail, located behind Talahi Lodge, is approximately a half-mile in length and has been paved to make it more accessible for readers of all abilities.

A new StoryWalk book is available at the beginning of each month, from April to November. In the winter, Hayner Library's StoryWalk program takes place on the upper level of Alton Square Mall.

For more information on our StoryWalk program, including the title of the current month's book, please visit the library's website at www.haynerlibrary.org/storywalk or our Facebook page.

The StoryWalk project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Kellog-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Walking Book Club

In April, Hayner Library recently introduced a new program, the Walking Book Club. The club was launched by Hayner's Reference Librarian, Jean Shimunek, who sadly passed away in May. Jean was devoted to reading, exercise, nature, and friends and designed the Walking Book Club around these things. If this sounds like a perfect fit for you, please consider joining us.

The Walking Book Club is like other book clubs, except it meets at a walking trail or park and allows participants to exercise while chatting about books. Studies have shown that walking stimulates our brain and helps us focus and be more creative. Our Walking Book Club integrates mental, physical, and social activities, improving brain health while enjoying the company of others.

The book club meets for about an hour on the second Wednesday of the month, April through October. At each meeting, titles and walking locations are chosen for the next month's walk with the help of our club moderator. Our walks are paced to allow for both exercise and good conversations. The Alton/Godfrey area offers us many beautiful parks and trails for our walks, such as The Nature Institute, Riverfront Park, Gordon Moore Park, Audubon Center at Riverlands, and Glazebrook Park.

Registration is required for the Walking Book Club. The registration form is available on the library's website and at the Downtown Library or Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. For more information, please email the library at reference@haynerlibrary.org or call 618-462-0677.

Check Out a Telescope and Enjoy the Night Sky

Everyone knows that you can check out a book using your library card. But you can also check out many other fun things with your library card, including a telescope! Hayner Library offers Orion StarBlast 4.5" telescopes for patron check out at the Downtown Library and Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall.

Each telescope captures the equivalent amount of light of 250 human eyes. Each has a zoom eyepiece, which gives a range of magnifications from twenty power to sixty power and provides a large field of view. You will be able to obtain clear observations of the craters on our Moon, Jupiter and its moons, Saturn and its rings, and the brighter star clusters and nebulae.

Adult Hayner Library cardholders may check out the telescopes for two weeks. Each telescope also comes with a learning kit and everything you need to start your stargazing adventure. Enjoy the great outdoors and night skies with your family and friends.

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Please note that effective August 1, 2022, hours of operation at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall will change to:

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Monday – Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Lawyer in the Library: Know Your Rights Presentations at Hayner Library

The Hayner Public Library District is happy to announce our newest programming series: Lawyer in the Library. This series is a partnership between The Hayner Public Library District and Land of Lincoln Legal Aid.

Land of Lincoln Legal Aid is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides low-income and senior residents of central and southern Illinois with free high-quality legal services to obtain and maintain their basic human needs.

Our Lawyer in the Library series will focus on three areas of law: housing, consumer protection, and health and income security. These "know your rights" presentations will provide a general overview of the types of help Land of Lincoln Legal Aid provides. Because the attorneys presenting these programs cannot discuss or answer questions concerning specific cases, attorney referrals and appointments can be made after each presentation.

The following programs will take place at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.:

- August 3, 2022 — Housing: eviction, unsafe living conditions, and foreclosure
- August 17, 2022 — Health and income security: Medicaid, Medicare, TANF, SNAP, Social Security

The following programs will take place at the Downtown Library from 6:00-7:00 p.m.:

- September 14, 2022 — Consumer Protection: debt collection, bankruptcy, consumer fraud, and identity theft
- September 28, 2022 — Housing: eviction, unsafe living conditions, and foreclosure

Registration is not required for these programs.

For more information about Land of Lincoln Legal Aid, please visit www.lincolnlegal.org or call 1-800-642-5570 or (618) 462-0029. You may also pick up informational brochures at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall or the Downtown Library.

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Serving Alton, Godfrey & Foster Township Fall 2022

Hayner Library Local Author Book Fair Saturday, October 8, 2022, from 9 am to Noon

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You can browse or make purchases—and be sure to leave some time to explore the beautiful Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library and our Downtown Library! The Friends of Hayner Library, located at 327 State Street, will also hold a book sale on this date.

Find a new favorite author and stock up your book collection to keep you busy during the approaching cold winter. What is more inviting than a stack of books to ease your cabin fever? There are so many talented local authors in our community who deserve your support.

Free parking will be available in the municipal parking lot across from the Downtown Library on Belle Street between 4th and 5th Streets.

We are hopeful that this will become an annual event. Please plan to join us—bring the family and support local talent!

A New Speaker Series: Art Talks

The Hayner Public Library District is introducing a new speaker series: Art Talks! For this series, Hayner Library will partner with local artists to help you explore the art world and get an up-close look at different artists, art styles, and art movements. It's a great opportunity to expand your art knowledge and get to know the artists in our very own community!

The first program in this series will take place at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall on November 2, from 6-7 pm:

- Art Talks: The Life and Work of Yoko Ono

In this program, artist Linda Vredeveld will discuss the art of Yoko Ono, her life as an artist, and the impact of her time as the "Fifth Beatle."

Be sure to keep an eye on our Events Calendar for more information about upcoming Art Talks!

Things to Know...

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HOLIDAYS

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The Library will be closed for the following holidays:
Thanksgiving, November 24 & 25
Christmas, December 24, 25, & 26
New Year's Eve, December 31

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New Book Drop Outside Alton Square Mall

We are delighted to announce that The Hayner Public Library District will be installing an outdoor book drop at Alton Square Mall! The book drop will be installed at the Ross/post office entrance on the lower-level of the mall and should be installed by October.

Materials returned in the book drop during the day will be collected and checked in that afternoon, while those returned in the book drop after 4 pm will be checked in the next morning, and back-dated to reflect the previous day's return date. If you are coming to the library to pick up additional materials, please return your items to the library, not the newly-installed outdoor book drop.

The outdoor book drop will be closed on extended holidays (such as Thanksgiving and Christmas). However, the indoor book drop by the library entrance will remain open.We anticipate this will be a great convenience to those of you who want to return materials with just a quick stop. The book drop at the Downtown Library is also still available for your use, to the left of the entrance at 326 Belle Street, Alton, IL.

Hayner Library Now Offers OverDrive e-books, Audiobooks, and Digital Magazines

Hayner Library is pleased to announce that we have added OverDrive to our collection of free digital resources for patrons with a Hayner Library card!

In July, Hayner Library joined the Digital Library of Illinois, a consortium that provides e-book, audiobook, and digital magazine access to patrons of participating libraries through the OverDrive digital platform.

Patrons can access OverDrive in two ways: online and through OverDrive's Libby app. For help accessing OverDrive online or through the Libby app, please visit www.haynerlibrary.org and click on the *Download Audio & eBooks* or the *Help With Your eReader* links.

Digital Library of Illinois' OverDrive platform offers patrons access to over 86,000 titles in e-book, audiobook, and digital magazine format! OverDrive is also the exclusive digital e-book provider delivering Kindle compatibility to public libraries in the United States, making it easy for Kindle owners to read e-books on their devices.

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Hayner Library offers OverDrive in addition to Cloud Library and TumbleBooks for Kids. Happy (digital) reading!

Taps and Tomes: A Brewery Book Club

The Hayner Public Library District and The Old Bakery Beer Company are excited to announce a new free bi-monthly book club! Join us for a drink and a discussion of a new book every other month. Food and drink specials will be available exclusively to Taps and Tomes participants. Our first selection will be Colson Whitehead's bestseller *The Nickel Boys*, which chronicles the harrowing trials of the children at a fictional juvenile reformatory in 1960s Tallahassee. Join us on November 16, 2022, at 7 pm, at The Old Bakery Beer Company, 400 Landmarks Boulevard, Alton, IL.

KidsSpace *Fall 2022 Activities*

Family Story Times
Family Story Times are back! Come join us on Tuesdays at the Downtown Library at 10 am for Family Story Time with Mary Kay. To register, please call (618) 462-0677, ext. 2836.

Preschool Story Times
On Thursdays, Preschool Story Times with Sam will be held at 10 am at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. To register, please call (618) 433-2881.

Take-Home Crafts
Each Wednesday, young patrons ages 3-8 will be offered a take-home craft from Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. Crafts will be available while supplies last.

After School Fun Craft
Kids ages 6-11 can come by the Downtown Library KidsSpace for a fun make-it or take-it themed craft. Crafts will be available while supplies last.

Science with Sam
Science with Sam is a fun, monthly STEAM-themed program held the first Friday of each month in October, November, and December. Sam will prepare interactive kits for children to take home that demonstrate different STEAM concepts such as surface tension, earth science, anatomy, and robotics! Each kit will include an item list and the ingredients needed to do the activity. A video will be posted online for families to join us and follow along! Adult assistance will be required for some of the activities. This program is designed for children ages 7-10 years old. Kits may be picked up from KidsSpace at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall and will be available while supplies last.

Lego Club
Kids—join us for an hour of building and creating Lego masterpieces! The library will supply the Legos, or feel free to bring your own. Legos stay at the library and will be displayed between sessions. Lego Club will meet in the KidsSpace the second Tuesday of each month from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. This program is for kids 6-11 years of age. Limited space is available. Please register at (618) 433-2881.

Sleepy-Time Stories with Ms. Mac
Join us for this virtual story time on the Hayner Library Facebook page bi-weekly beginning Monday, October 3, 2022, at 7 pm. Put on your PJ's and snuggle in to listen to Ms. Mac read stories, perform fingerplays, and sing a lullaby right before bedtime. Sleepy-Time Stories will also be available on Hayner's KidSpace YouTube channel. For questions about this program, please call (618) 433-2881.

Table Top Adventures for Kids
Do you like adventure? Do you like fantasy? Do you want to role play your favorite hero or villain? Then roll for initiative because this is the place for you! Whether you are an experienced adventurer or looking to try out a new journey, all are welcome. Once a month at 2 pm, kids ages 7-11 are invited to join us in KidsSpace at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall where we will try out roleplaying through the wonderful world of tabletop games. Dungeons and Dragons is only the beginning! To register, please call (618) 433-2881.

Draw on the Desk
All day, every day, children are welcome to visit KidsSpace at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall to help decorate our desk with their art. The front of the desk is covered in paper —just ask for some crayons or markers at the desk and draw to your heart's content.

TNI Story Stroll
Come join us Wednesdays in October at The Nature Institute, 2213 S. Levis Lane, Godfrey, IL. Participants will stroll the Story Walk trail while reading the story, signing songs, and playing games, weather permitting. To register, please call (618) 433-2881.

Tree House Wildlife Program
Come join us on Monday, October 10, 2022, at 10 am, in the Performance Room at Alton Square Mall for an interactive, educational, and spooky show with live animals! This program will host a variety of nocturnal animals that call the Tree House Wildlife Center their home. No registration needed.

Students for Soldiers Donation Boxes
November is the month of giving. This year we have partnered with the Students for Soldiers program developed by Carmen Serio, a longtime teacher at Marquette Catholic High School. To participate in this program, both the KidsSpace at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall and the Downtown Library will have donation boxes out all month long. A list of supplies to donate can be found at the KidsSpace desk at both locations. We will also have coloring sheets available for children to color and send along with their donations. Let our troops know how much we appreciate their sacrifice!

Holiday Card Drop-in Station
Make a holiday card to share with someone special by visiting Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Monday-Saturday, 9 am-4 pm, December 2, 2022, through Thursday, December 22, 2022. No registration is required.

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Holiday Drop-in Ornament Station
Drop by the KidsSpace at the Downtown Library on Wednesdays, December 7 and 14, 2022, between 10 am - 4 pm, and make your very own holiday ornament. Available while supplies last. No registration needed.

A Holiday Celebration Event
Come join us for a fun-filled day including Santa, refreshments, and a performance by OMG Josh. All the fun begins at 10 am in the Performance Room on the upper-level of Alton Square Mall on Saturday, December 3, 2022. This program will be followed by cookies and a visit from Santa in the KidsSpace Multipurpose Room. Parents, don't forget your cameras! To register, please call (618) 433-2881.

TeenSpace *Fall 2022 Activities*

The Teen Advisory Council (TAC)
What type of programs do you want to see at your library? You should be a part of the Teen Advisory Council, which makes decisions about new programs and events for teens at Hayner Library! This group will meet at 4 pm on the second Wednesday of each month in the Teen Center in the Performance Room at Alton Square Mall. For more information, please call Shannon at (618) 433-2872.

Teen Take-Home Crafts
Do you love making crafts? If so, stop by Hayner Library TeenSpace at Alton Square Mall and pick up a teen take-home craft! We will distribute crafts while supplies last.

Teen Movie
Calling all teens! Bring a friend and enjoy a Halloween movie, pizza, and soda. This program starts at 4 pm on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, in the Teen Center located in the Performance Room at Alton Square Mall. Ages 12-18. To register, please call Shannon at (618) 433-2872.

Not-Just-for-Teens Escape Rooms
Log on to Hayner Library's Facebook page every Monday for a new Escape Room Challenge. Figure them out by yourself or with your friends! Answer questions, find clues, and solve riddles to complete these fun virtual games.

Color Your Stress Away
Log on to Hayner Library's Facebook page every Friday for a new printable coloring sheet. Break out the colored pencils, turn on some relaxing music, and color your stress away.

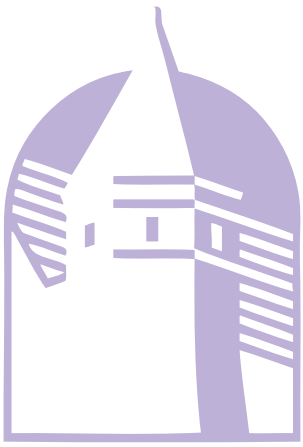
Halloween Glow-in-the-Dark Bingo
Come join other teens ages 12-18 for this fun afternoon game of Glow-in-the-Dark Bingo. The fun begins at 4 pm on Wednesday, October 5, 2022. To register, please call Shannon at (618) 433-2872.

Teen Halloween Party
Teens ages 12-18 are invited to join us on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 4 pm, for games, treats, pumpkin decorating, and a lot more in the Teen Center located in the Performance Room at Alton Square Mall. To register, please call Shannon at (618) 433-2872.

The Teen NCG Movie Event
Hayner Library TeenSpace invites teens ages 12–18 to join us at the Alton Square Mall NCG Cinema for a private movie showing. Teens will enjoy free soda and popcorn during the movie. For the movie title and show time, please call Shannon at (618) 433-2872 to register. Limited space is available, so call now!

Teen Holiday Guessing Game
Stop by the TeenSpace at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall and see if you can guess how many ornaments are in the jar. The closest guess to the actual number will win a $25 gift card. The game begins on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 and runs through Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

Teen Holiday Party
Teens, bring a friend and drop by the Teen Center located in the Performance Room at Alton Square Mall on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 4 pm. You and your friend will enjoy holiday treats, music, and games and have thirty minutes to decorate a gingerbread house with a variety of items. The winners of this decorating contest will each leave with a $25 gift card. To register, please call Shannon (618) 433-2872.



Special Events at Hayner

All library special events are funded by grants and/or private endowment. Photos may be taken during library programs. Your enrollment in our programs will be assumed as your consent to allow the library the right to use these photos in promotional material.

Join us for our Fall 2022 semester of special events! These events are great for all ages, and they're all free of charge! All programs do require registration. To register, please call 1-800-613-3163. Unless otherwise stated, all programs will be held in 225 Alton Square Mall, upper-level.

NOTE: 225 Alton Square Mall is located on the east side of the mall, on the second floor between the escalators and J.C. Penney.

REMINDER: Often program registration fills up and rolls over to a waiting list. If you are not going to attend a program that you are signed up for, **PLEASE** call 1-800-613-3163 and let us know so we can fill your reservation from the waiting list.

Town Criers

Tuesday, October 18, 6:30 pm

The Town Criers play an eclectic blend of blues, oldies rock, and their own original songs. The band consists of Charlie (CC) Wilson, Larry Vandiver, and Steve Vogel. Wilson and Vandiver are the group's principle songwriters, and Vogel is a veteran of the St. Louis blues scene.

They will be performing selections from *Blues as a Second Language*, Wilson's first CD, as well as some of their newer songs. Many have themes about love, New Orleans, or the south in general.

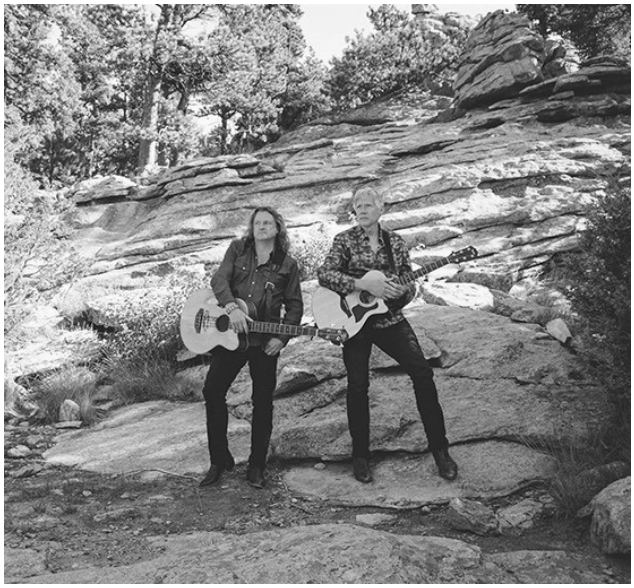
Jared Hennings

Tuesday, November 29, 6:30 pm

Local vocalist Jared Hennings always attracts a full house. Jared will be presenting a program of holiday music both traditional and contemporary. Don't miss this wonderful program, highlighting Jared's beautiful musical range. It will be a great way to kick off your holiday season!

Switchback

Tuesday. December 6, 6 pm



They're back! The amazing duo of Brian FitzGerald and Martin McCormack, who perform as Switchback, are returning to bring us a wonderful holiday program. Don't miss another chance to see these award-winning musicians playing selections from their latest holiday album, *Celtic Requests*, and favorites from their original songbook—truly a show for the whole family! This annual performance has moved to a new venue and night so that all may attend. They will be performing in the beautiful Hatheway Hall on the campus of Lewis & Clark Community College, 5800 Godfrey Road, Godfrey IL. Please note that this year's start time has changed to 6 pm. Hatheway Hall is a wonderful theater complex and will be a treat for the whole family. Join us for this event that has become a great holiday tradition for our community! This program is jointly presented by The Hayner Public Library District and the Music Department of Lewis & Clark Community College.

October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Vintage Voices (12pm)
2 Vintage Voices (12pm)	3 Escape Room (All-Day) Sleepy Time Stories (7pm)	4 Family Story Time w/Mary Kay (10am)	5 Kids Take Home Craft (All-Day) Story Stroll (9am) Teen Halloween Bingo (4pm)	6 Pre-School Story Time w/Sam (10am)	7 Science w/ Sam (All-Day) Color Your Stress Away (All-Day)	8 Local Author Book Fair (9am) Vintage Voices (12pm)
9 Vintage Voices (12pm & 5pm)	10 Escape Room (All-Day) Tree House Wild Life Presentation (10am)	11 Family Story Time w/Mary Kay (10am) Lego Club (3:30pm)	12 Kids Take Home Craft (All-Day) Story Stroll (9am) Teen Advisory Council (4pm)	13 Pre-School Story Time w/Sam (10am) Branching Out (10am)	14 Color Your Stress Away (All-Day)	15
16	17 Escape Room (All-Day) Sleepy Time Stories (7pm)	18 Family Story Time w/Mary Kay (10am) After School Craft (All-Day) Town Criers (630pm)	19 Kids Take Home Craft (All-Day) Story Stroll (9am) Teen Take Home Craft (All-Day) Teen Movie (4pm)	20 Pre-School Story Time w/Sam (10am) Branching Out (10am)	21 Color Your Stress Away (All-Day)	22
23	24 Escape Room (All-Day)	25 Family Story Time w/Mary Kay (10am)	26 Kids Take Home Craft (All-Day) Story Stroll (9am) Teen Halloween Party (4pm)	27 Pre-School Story Time w/Sam (10am)	28 Color Your Stress Away (All-Day)	29
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November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Family Story Time w/Mary Kay (10am)	2 Kids Take Home Craft (All-Day) Art Talks (6pm)	3 Pre-School Story Time w/Sam (10am)	4 Science w/ Sam (All-Day) Color Your Stress Away (All-Day)	5 Table Top Adventures (2pm)
6	7 Escape Room (All-Day)	8 Family Story Time w/Mary Kay (10am) Lego Club (3:30pm)	9 Kids Take Home Craft (All-Day) Teen Advisory Council (4pm)	10 Pre-School Story Time w/Sam (10am) Branching Out (10am)	11 All Library Branches Closed for Veterans Day	12
13	14 Escape Room (All-Day) Sleepy Time Stories (7pm)	15 Family Story Time w/Mary Kay (10am) After School Craft (Al-Day)	16 Kids Take Home Craft (All-Day) Teen Take Home Craft (All-Day) Taps and Tomes Book Club (7pm)	17 Pre-School Story Time w/Sam (10am) Branching Out (10am)	18 Color Your Stress Away (All-Day)	19
20	21 Escape Room (All-Day)	22	23	24 All Library Branches Closed for Thanksgiving	25 All Library Branches Closed for Thanksgiving	26
27	28 Escape Room (All-Day) Sleepy Time Stories (7pm)	29 Family Story Time w/Mary Kay (10am) Jared Hennings (630pm)	30			

December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Pre-School Story Time w/Sam (10am)	2 Science w/ Sam (All-Day) Color Your Stress Away (All-Day)	3 Holiday Celebration (10am)
4	5 Escape Room (All-Day)	6 Family Story Time w/Mary Kay (10am) Switchback (Hathaway Hall-630pm)	7 Kids Take Home Craft (All-Day) Holiday Ornament (10am) Teen Holiday Party (4pm)	8 Pre-School Story Time w/Sam (10am) Branching Out (10am)	9 Color Your Stress Away (All-Day)	10 Table Top Adventures (2pm)
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Branching Out 2022 - Genealogy Classes

The Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library is happy to resume in-person Branching Out classes at the Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton, IL

Branching Out classes take place from 10-11:30 am.

October 13 Uncover Family Details with Cemetery Records
October 20 Discussion group

November 10 Heroes in Our History: Military Records
November 17 Discussion group

December 8 All That's Fit to Print and More: Newspaper Research
December 15 - Discussion group

On the second Thursday of each month, library staff presents a discussion of a genealogy research topic.

On the third Thursday, we gather around the fireplace, and each of us gets a chance to share family stories, photos, and projects. We just relax and listen when we don't have anything to share. We learn from each other and have some laughs too!

Branching Out classes and discussion group meetings will continue in 2023 on the second and third Thursdays of each month.

125th Anniversary of the Alton Woman's Home Association, Beverly Farm, and the Lovejoy Monument by Lacy S. McDonald

A great deal happened in Alton in 1897! In that year alone, the Alton Woman's Home Association, Beverly Farm, and the Lovejoy Monument were founded or dedicated, which means they are celebrating 125th anniversaries this year. Union Baptist Church, founded in 1837, is celebrating its 185th anniversary. Vintage Voices performances will highlight those stories in the Alton City Cemetery on October 1, 2, 8, and 9. For more information on the actors and decedents who will chronicle these anniversary events, please see the Vintage Voices 2022 article.

Alton Woman's Home Association by Marlene Lewis

A small group of women met on February 3, 1897 to establish a Women's Home in Alton. The group met six times during the next three weeks to decide on a location for the home. On February 24, Henry Watson unexpectedly appeared at their meeting and offered the old Dolbee Homestead for the very modest fee of $10 per month. The women enthusiastically accepted his offer. By March 20, just forty-five days after their first meeting, three women were admitted to the home.

The Dolbee Homestead sat atop the bluffs in the area now known as Riverview Park. It served the association for twelve years, until the need for repairs became costly and it was decided to build a new home on State Street. The homestead was later demolished. The land was purchased by the city to create an observation area with sweeping views of the Mississippi River.

In 1909, a procession of surreys moved the women to their new home at 2224 State Street. The building was designed by architect Lucas Pfeiffenberger and was built with generous financial support from the community. In the 1950s the lobby boasted one of the first television sets in the area. For more than fifty-six years the Alton Woman's Home Association (AWHA) provided a comfortable living environment to hundreds of women from all walks of life. With the advent of social security, pensions, and Medicare, the home saw a gradual decline in admissions. By 1966, the last three residents were moved to the newly-opened Eunice Smith Home on the campus of Alton Memorial Hospital, where the association continued to provide for their care. The last of these three women passed away in 1980.

In 1972, the articles of incorporation were updated to offer a broader range of support to women and children in Madison County. On March 11, 1980, the board of directors met to discuss how best to use AWHA funds moving forward. Jane Henry, Roberta Allen, and Virginia Fabianic put their thoughts in writing, and their memos are among a collection of artifacts housed at the Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library. Archives show a total of $43,200 was granted to fourteen area organizations in 1980. Since that time, nearly $6 million has been distributed locally. In 2021, the organization provided assistance to eighteen area agencies.

The Genealogy & Local History Library has a number of archival items related to the Alton Woman's Home Association that are available to view upon request.

Beverly Farm

Beverly Farm was founded in 1897 by Dr. William Hammond Cross Smith, a medical doctor and authority in juvenile psychology, and his wife, Elizabeth, a special education teacher. Dr. Smith served as physician and Assistant Superintendent of the Illinois State Institute at Lincoln, Illinois before he and his wife moved to Godfrey to create "The Beverly Farm," named in honor of Dr. Smith's birthplace in Beverly, Massachusetts. At Beverly Farm, Dr. and Mrs. Smith planned to establish a fundamentally different approach in caring for people who live with developmental disabilities. Here they would offer a caring home, socialization, proper medical care, healthy diet, physical exercise, education, recreation, and meaningful work – a radical concept at the time. In 1897, there were only two buildings and two residents at Beverly Farm, but by 1909, 171 children had been admitted and 1,249 applications, representing every state and nine foreign countries, had been received.

Dr. Smith received notoriety at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair for his pioneering concepts in the care of people who live with intellectual or developmental disabilities. The Smiths received a certificate from the jury of awards showing that Beverly Farm was the finest of its class in the country.

In 1979, Beverly Farm's focus changed from providing services for children and adults to providing services for adults only. Today, Beverly Farm is a safe and comfortable home for adults who live with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

The Little World of Beverly Farm prepared by the Board of Directors of Beverly Farm Foundation, Inc., 1976 IR 362.209773 LIT

More Than Bricks and Mortar: 100 Years of Caring by Carolyn Sue Mayhall, 1997 IR 362.209773 MAY

Lovejoy Monument

Elijah P. Lovejoy was an abolitionist newspaper editor and Presbyterian minister who started the *Alton Observer* in 1836, and was also pastor at the Upper Alton Presbyterian Church (later College Avenue Presbyterian Church). On Nov. 7, 1837, a pro-slavery mob attacked the Godfrey Gilman warehouse, where his fourth and final press was being stored, setting fire to the building and killing Lovejoy. He was initially buried in an unmarked grave in Alton City Cemetery. In the 1860s, Lovejoy's grave was found and he was reinterred in his final resting place by William "Scotch" Johnston, who helped bury him immediately after his death, and newspaper editor Thomas Dimmock. (Lovejoy's grave is not located at the monument, but is further into the cemetery along a main path and is very clearly marked). Lovejoy was hailed as a martyr to abolition and free speech. In 1897, a monument to Lovejoy was dedicated in the Alton City Cemetery. Dimmock spoke at the dedication, as did Lieutenant Governor of Illinois William Northcott. The State of Illinois contributed $25,000 for construction, and the citizens of Alton raised another $5,000. John E. Hayner, who donated the money for the Jennie D. Hayner Memorial Library, was treasurer of the Lovejoy Monument Association. The monument consists of a nintey-three-foot-tall granite column topped by a seventeen-foot-tall winged statue of Victory. The monument is the tallest in the state of Illinois and can be seen as you drive from Missouri into Alton across the Clark Bridge.

The Elijah P. Lovejoy Memorial hosts a ceremony at the Lovejoy Monument in Alton City Cemetery every November 9, Lovejoy Day, which has been celebrated in Alton since 1952, when Jesse L. Cannon, president, James Bailey, secretary, and Joseph Brewer, treasurer, officially created the Elijah P. Lovejoy Memorial. The annual commemoration honors Lovejoy's life and legacy on the anniversary of his birth in 1802. The Lovejoy Memorial also awards scholarships to Alton-Godfrey area high school students. In 1954, Alton High School graduate Sterling Scales received the first Lovejoy Memorial scholarship. About 225 high school graduates have received scholarships since then. Bonnie Fox is the current Lovejoy Memorial president and Ed Gray is the Registered Agent Trustee.

Dedication of the Lovejoy Monument, Alton, Illinois, November 8th, 1897 IR 977.386 LOV

https://archive.org/details/dedication-of-the-lovejoy-monument-alton-illinois

Preservation, Beautification and Rededication of the Elijah Parish Lovejoy Monument: 5:30 pm, Thursday, September 25, 1969. IR 977.386 PRE

Union Baptist Church –
Research by Charlotte E. Johnson

This is also the 185th anniversary of the founding of Union Baptist Church, the oldest African American church in Alton. Union Baptist Church was founded as African Baptist Church and Friends to Humanities in 1837. William "Scotch" Johnston, who dug the grave of Elijah Lovejoy, was a founding member of the church, as was John Anderson, a printer in the Lovejoy's printing office. The church was organized in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwards on East Fourth Street, with Rev. John Livingston as the first pastor. Rev. Livingston was the first and only African American ordained minister in Illinois. Other members present at the formative meeting were Mr. And Mrs. Charles Edwards, Mr. William Charles Barton, and Mr. Alfred Richardson, who first raised the issue of organizing the church. Also present were Rev. Ebenezer Rodgers, pastor of both First Baptist Church of Upper Alton and First Baptist Church of Lower Alton, Rev. James Leman Sr., Rev. James Leman Jr., and Mr. Edward White. The African Baptist Church continued to worship in the Edwards House and various other houses in the area until 1853, when its first building was erected. Shortly after, the Church's name was changed from African Baptist Church to Union Baptist Church. Union Baptist Church carries on its storied legacy to this day.

Historical Sketch of the Union Baptist Church, 1837-1937: Especially Prepared for the Centennial, June 20-27, 1937. IR 286.77386 COA

https://archive.org/details/union-baptistcentennial-1937

Union Baptist Church Anniversary Service: 185 years –1837-2022. IR 286.77386 UNI

New & Forthcoming Books

FICTION -

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Vintage Voices 2022

Vintage Voices, now in its twenty-first year, will continue its tradition of guided walking tours in the Alton City Cemetery on the first two weekends in October: 1, 2, 8, and 9, from noon until 2:30 pm. Tours will leave from the main gate of the cemetery (at Vine & 5th Streets) every fifteen to twenty minutes. A non-walking tour presentation will be held at the Jacoby Arts Center on Sunday, October 9, at 5 pm.

Jeff Pruett will portray Marcellus H. Filley (1818–1868), a private night watchman at the First National Bank in Alton who was murdered on October 31, 1868 in an attempted bank robbery. Alton Mayor J. T. Drummond offered a reward of $1,000 for the apprehension and conviction of the guilty parties.

Debbie Maneke and Jake Tenberge will portray Sarah Baker Metcalfe (1827–1906) and Lyne Shackelford Metcalfe (1822–1906), respectively. Lyne S. Metcalfe was an Alton mayor, a founding board member of the Alton Unitarian Church, and served as a Colonial for the Union during the Civil War. Sarah was the daughter of prominent Alton attorney David Jewell Baker and attended Monticello Seminary in Godfrey. Lyne and Sarah were very devoted to each other and had been married over fifty-seven years when Lyne died. Sarah died later the same year.

Zach Hardin will portray Colonial John Kuhn (1833–1865) of the Alton Jaeger Guard. Kuhn joined the Alton Jaeger Guard in 1855, and served as one of the Company's lieutenants. In 1861, the Company marched to Springfield to muster in with the 9th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. As it was fully uniformed, about seventy-five men strong, well drilled, and accompanied by a brass band, their arrival at the capital created quite a sensation. The men of the Alton Jaeger Guards would become Company A of the 9th Illinois.

Rev. Anton Lane of Union Baptist Church will portray Rev. Austin Otey (1829 – 1905). A deeply religious man, Rev. Otey was the pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Godfrey. He was the very first pastor of Upper Alton Second Baptist Church, now known as Tabernacle Baptist Church. He was also a guest speaker at Union Baptist Church, where his funeral was held. Union Baptist Church assisted in the organization of Upper Alton Second Baptist Church. This year marks the 185th anniversary of Union Baptist Church. Union Baptist Church was founded in 1837 and is the oldest African American church in Alton.

Velva Parker will portray Sara Jane Woodson Newton Cohron (1853–1918), who was a very successful teacher in St. Louis and East St. Louis and the founder of the St. Louis Colored Orphans' Home (now the Annie Malone Children's Home). Cohron used her influence with the president of Boatmen's Bank to transfer the ownership of the Negro Civil War Veterans Home to the new St. Louis Colored Orphans' Home. Cohron was also the widow of Professor Charles Newton (portrayed last year by Jared Hennings). Her second husband, Rev. John Lewis Cohron, was pastor of Central Baptist Church of St. Louis, the largest Baptist church in the state of Missouri in the early 1890s.

Sean Williams will portray Henry Mayo (1820s or 1830s–1907). Mayo went with Gen. J.C. Fremont on the historical "Pathfinding" trip to the Pacific coast, where he worked as the camp cook. He also was the first cook on the first dining car ever run on the Chicago & Alton train line. Mayo was known as the only African American Democrat in Alton and in Madison County during much of his life.

This year marks the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the Alton Woman's Home Association. Alice Georgia (1869–1946) and Olga Polster (1884–1968) will share the story of AWHA. Alice Georgia was a resident of the home who was buried near the Alton Woman's Home stone. Her husband was a businessman in St. Louis, and they lived a very comfortable life, but she outlived him by enough years that she ran out of money. Gail Drillinger will portray Alice Georgia. Olga Polster was an Alton Woman's Home board member in the 1920s-1940s, and served as president for a time. Diana Kay will portray Olga Polster on the first weekend and Christy Schaper will portray her the second weekend.

This year is the 125th Anniversary of the completion and dedication of the Lovejoy Monument in the Alton City Cemetery. Ron Abraham will portray E.P. Wade (1833–1920), who was the president of the Lovejoy Monument Association. Wade was in charge of the exercises for the 1897 dedication and gave a speech detailing the efforts to build the monument, which is the tallest in Illinois.

This year is the 125th Anniversary of the founding of Beverly Farm in Godfrey. Claudia Herndon will portray Elizabeth Ellen Blake Smith (1860–1949) and John Meehan will portray her husband Dr. W.H.C. Smith (1860–1928), the founders of Beverly Farm. Dr. Smith received notoriety at

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the 1904 World's Fair for his pioneering concepts in the care of people who live with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for students ages 6-18. Tickets for the cemetery tour can be purchased online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vintage-voices-2022-walking-tours-tickets-307131136497 or at the main gate of the Alton City Cemetery at least thirty minutes before the tours begin.

Tickets for the non-walking tour can be purchased online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vintage-voices-2022-non-walking-event-tickets-307133433367 or at Picture This & More, 18 East Broadway, Alton, IL.

The characters and themes of this year's tours were carefully selected by the Vintage Voices steering committee. Hayner Genealogy & Local History staff members provide research packets to the actors on the decedent they will portray. Actors write their own scripts, and really do a fantastic job. The Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library also serves as a repository for Vintage Voices ephemera such as a complete set of the program booklets and many of the scripts written by actors over the years. All of these items are available to see in the library.

Proceeds from the Vintage Voices performances support the continuation of the event, upkeep of the Alton Cemetery, and various community organizations, including Hayner Library. Please come out to see our history come alive!

Food for Fines

Every October, Hayner Library holds a fine amnesty program, Food for Fines! We will waive fines on overdue Hayner Library materials if you contribute a nonperishable food item for each overdue item during the amnesty period.

During the holiday season, many community organizations hold drives to support centers such as Crisis Food Center, but we often forget about helping those in need at other times of the year. We are holding this amnesty program in October to help people without waiting for the support of "holiday generosity." It may also help make Thanksgiving a happier time for families in need.

From October 1 through October 31, 2022, anyone who has an overdue item can pay their fine with a canned food item. Library materials must be returned with food donations, at least one food item per overdue item, and only Hayner Library materials are eligible. All food items collected throughout the month will be given to Crisis Food Center in Alton. Of course, even if you don't have fines, please feel free to donate items to help others in our community.

Perhaps you have some Hayner materials that got lost under the couch or behind the DVD player. Now is a great opportunity to return those items to the library and avoid the fines that have accrued. Fine amnesty is a great way to support critically important community organizations such as the Crisis Food Center—and it is also a great opportunity to return "lost" materials to the library so they can be reshelved for circulation. Thank you for your support!

Walk, Learn, and Earn with OSF HealthCare's Mall Walker Program!

OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony's Health Center is sponsoring a Mall Walkers Program at Alton Square Mall. Join OSF Physical Therapy for a brief discussion on exercise, injury prevention, and maintaining good health on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8:30 am. Sign-up forms and walking logs for the program are available at the OSF Outpatient Rehabilitation office on the upper-level of Alton Square Mall or the Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. Turn in your walking log to be entered in a monthly drawing for an OSF prize! Completed walking logs can be turned in at either location. Questions? Please contact Frances Young at (618) 463-5346 or frances.a.young@osfhealthcare.org.

Summer Reading Program 2022
"Read Beyond the Beaten Path"

Young patrons of Hayner Library enthusiastically participated in this year's exciting Summer Reading Program, "Read Beyond the Beaten Path!" Our online reading software, Beanstack, helped young patrons create, measure, and manage their reading. Using this software, KidsSpace staff worked hard to prepare enjoyable activities and challenges resulting in great fun, participation, and learning for our patrons and parents alike! Young patrons in the program were treated to weekly story times, crafts, and performers, and were rewarded for their reading with weekly and big ticket prizes!

To end this year's program, participants were invited to the End-of-the-Summer-Reading-Program Party where they were entertained by Celia's Shack Attack Dance Party and treated to Circus Kaput's airbrush tattoos. Children also received a free book, participation certificate, Gateway Grizzlies tickets, and a sweet treat to take home! Winners of the three big prizes were Auggie K, who won the children's hiking gear set; Isaac S, who won the camp gaming pack; and Angela T, who won the camp-at-home playset. The traveling trophy, awarded to the school with the most readers participating in our Summer Reading Program, was given to Evangelical School in Godfrey. We hope to see everyone next year at our 2023 Summer Reading Program, "Find Your Voice!" Congratulations to all our winners! Thank you all for a great summer!

Teen Summer Reading Program 2022
"Read Beyond the Beaten Path"

The 2022 Teen Summer Reading Program, "Read Beyond the Beaten Path," challenged teens to keep their books open over the summer. We asked teens to go virtual by using either the Beanstack app or website. Participants won weekly prizes for their diligent reading and were asked to participate in challenges, which allowed them to earn tickets for a chance to win the grand prize basket. At the end of the five-week program, each participant was given a free book for their hard work!

Congratulations to this year's grand prize winner, Jane O, who won the basket full of books, gift cards, and iRead memorabilia! Congratulations to all our participants for making this year's Teen Summer Reading Program so successful! We hope to see everyone at 2023's Teen Summer Reading Program, "Find Your Voice!"

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Wreaths Across America 2022

Wreaths Across America is a grassroots movement begun in 1992 by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester. The organization's mission, "Remember, Honor and Teach" is carried out by wreath laying ceremonies in cemeteries in all fifty states and beyond. The organization spreads its message about the importance of remembering the fallen, honoring those who serve, and teaching our children the value of freedom and the sacrifices made by veterans and their families through wreath laying ceremonies and other coordinated events.

Thanks to local volunteers, this organization and its mission have been active in Alton since 2007. On Saturday, December 17, 2022, our community will participate in this year's national WAA event. The ceremony will start at 11 am at the Alton National Cemetery, 600 Pearl Street, Alton, IL.

In 2021, through generous community donations, 560 wreaths were placed on the grave sites at our local national cemetery. Every dollar donated helps ensure each veteran is remembered. You can help continue this tradition by donating to Wreaths Across America, P.O. Box 181, Alton, IL 62002.

The cost of each wreath is $15.00 and for every $30.00 received we are able to purchase three wreaths.

Once again, our local WAA will offer a limited number of wreaths for families or friends to honor their special veteran at other local cemeteries. These wreath reservations can be made beginning November 21 through December 9, 2022, by calling Sue Fitzgerald at (618) 530-1430.

Please support our community in carrying forward this mission to REMEMBER, HONOR AND TEACH. Join our nation in honoring veterans, many of whom forfeited their own Christmas celebrations for all of us.

For more information, please call Margaret Hopkins at (618) 570-8804 or to learn more, visit wreathsacrossamerica.org.